WEATHER.
Cloudy Friday with rain in west portion and by night in east portion; Saturday probably fair, somewhat colder central and west portions.

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REPORT THAT NEUTRAL EUROPEAN NATION MIGHT OFFER MEDIATION IS REGARDED AS GERMAN SCHEME

Considered an Attempt to Delay Action by United States and to Confuse the Issue

MOVE IS NOT UNEXPECTED

Mediation Will Not be Accepted So Long as German U-Boat Ruthlessness Continues

WAR PREPARATIONS GO ON

Wilson Keeping in Close Touch With Service Departments

Washington, March 22.—Word that a neutral European nation might offer mediation to prevent open war between the United States and Germany has come to the administration without causing surprise or in any way affecting the government's plans for meeting the situation forced by submarine ruthlessness. Such a proposal is regarded here as nothing other than another scheme fostered by Germany with the hope of confusing the issue and possibly dividing sentiment in this country while the destruction of American lives and ships on the high seas continues.

Was Not Unexpected.

At the State Department today officials would neither deny nor confirm that the government already had been approached on this subject, although it was admitted informally that some such move was not unexpected. It was very emphatically stated that no suggestion of mediation or discussion would be considered unless it was accompanied by abandonment of illegal assaults upon American shipping, a course which there is no reason for believing the imperial government is giving a thought.

The feeling in all quarters here is that the United States has with infinite patience and forbearance done everything possible with honor to avoid the virtual state of war now existing through German aggression. So long as this aggression continues, officials say there is nothing to do but adopt measures of defense, and no basis exists for discussion.

Wilson on the Alert.

During the ten days that must elapse before Congress assembles in response to his call, President Wilson will give close personal attention to the preparations going forward through the War and Navy departments. He saw no callers today, but was in touch with both of the departments. One of the duties he performed was the signing of a formal proclamation suspending the eight hour law as applied to plants engaged on naval work, a step authorized by Congress as a part of the general plans for speeding up construction.

To Discuss Defense Plans.

Secretary Baker as chairman of the council of national defense, today called the council and its advisory committee of heads of great industrial concerns to meet here Saturday to discuss how much more work is necessary to put the country in a state of adequate preparedness for defense. The council already has accomplished wonderful results toward the mobilization of all the nation's resources, and these will be surveyed at Saturday's meeting. Samuel Gompers, as chairman of the council's committee on labor, issued invitations to a large number of workmen, employers and scientists to accept membership on the committee and attend its first meeting April 2.

MARYLAND MILITIAMEN ARE GUARDING THREE BRIDGES.

Ordered to "Shoot to Kill" Any One Disregarding Warning to Halt.

Baltimore, March 22.—With strict orders to "shoot to kill" any suspicious characters who ventured too close to the three long railroad bridges spanning the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace, either by the land or water approaches and disregard the warning to halt, 56 men of the First Regiment, Maryland National Guard, are tonight guarding the three structures. In addition several boats with soldiers patrol the river under the bridges day and night. The bridges are also being wired for powerful searchlights so that the lengthy approaches as well as every span will be brilliantly illuminated. Governor Harrington has also been requested to assign troops at the Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridges spanning the Potomac at Harper's Ferry.

"PITCHFORK" BEN TILLMAN EAGER TO VOTE FOR WAR

Augusta, Ga., March 22.—Senator Tillman, in Augusta on private business today, said he would vote for war the first opportunity he gets. He declared that Germany has gone beyond the limit and is now making war on this country and he favored immediate action.

American Tank Ship Healdton Is Sunk and 20 of Her Crew Perish

Vessel Torpedoed Without Warning Wednesday Off the Coast of Holland—Boat Containing Seven Members of Crew Landed. Tanker Bound From Chester, Pa., for Rotterdam.

London, March 22.—The American steamer Healdton has been torpedoed, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Central News.

A boat containing seven of the Healdton's crew has reached Terschelling (North Sea), the dispatch adds.

The sinking of the American steamer Healdton is confirmed by a Reuter dispatch from The Hague.

CONSUL MAHIN REPORTS THE LOSS OF 20 MEMBERS OF CREW

Washington, March 22.—American Consul Mahin at Amsterdam cabled the State Department tonight that the American steamer Healdton, sunk by a submarine yesterday off Terschelling, Holland, was torpedoed without warning and that twenty of the crew were drowned. The consul's dispatch follows:

"Standard Oil ship Healdton, from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, cargo oil, torpedoed without warning 8:15 evening of 21st, 25 miles north of Terschelling, Holland. Twenty of crew drowned. One died of injuries. Others taken to north of Holland. Submarines seen after torpedoing. More details to follow."

The sinking of the Healdton adds another grave chapter to the story of war waged against American shipping by Germany to be laid before Congress by President Wilson at the special session he has called for April 2. It can cause no immediate change in the situation. Since the destruction of three American ships last Sunday administration officials have considered that a state of war existed, and it is to meet the situation that Congress has been summoned to authorize steps beyond the arming of merchantmen.

The Healdton was unarmed, having left port before the President authorized the navy to furnish guns and gunners to merchantmen. Her fate serves to heighten the profound interest with which the government and the public awaits the time when an American vessel prepared and ready to send a shell into a hostile submarine on sight will enter the war zone.

WAS BOUND FOR ROTTERDAM FROM CHESTER, PA., WITH OIL

Philadelphia, Pa., March 22.—The steamer Healdton sailed from Chester, Pa., on January 26 for Rotterdam with 2,137,711 gallons of refined petroleum valued at $106,886. She was last reported three days later 720 miles east of Delaware breakwater.

The Healdton was commanded by Captain Christopher and carried a crew of 38 men. She was built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1908. Her home port was New York.

ONE LIFEBOAT LANDED AT TERSCHELLING, HOLLAND

Amsterdam, via London, March 23.—The American steamer Healdton was torpedoed Wednesday evening, according to a Terschelling dispatch to the Telegraf. Three boats were launched, one of which contained eight men, one of them badly injured, was brought to Terschelling by a torpedo boat. One of the men died on the way. Nothing is known of the other boats.

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WHEN IS THE U. S. COMING INTO WAR?

This is Question Which Every Frenchman With an American Acquaintance Asks

WILSON'S CALL DOMINATES

"Never Has a More Solemn Verdict Broken German Insolence," Says The Temps, Commenting on the American Policy.

Paris, March 22.—The news of the call of President Wilson for a special session of Congress and the military and naval preparations that are being made in that country occupy a dominating place in the public mind today. Every Frenchman who has an American acquaintance asks him when the United States is coming into the war. The Temps in a sober review of the recent injuries the Americans have suffered at the hands of the Germans says:

"Thus goes on in perfect calm the thoughtful evolution that has led the United States from neutrality, which seemed her only possible course during two years, to the very threshold of a state of war. It is inappreciable that this evolution was accomplished without having done anything artificial or fictitious to provoke or accellerate it. It is verily the American conscience that has thought and found its way. It is the American conscience that has spoken in the voice of President Wilson. Never has a more solemn verdict broken German insolence."

The Temps alludes to the great aid the entente allies would have were the suggestion of W. P. G. Harding, governor of the American Federal Reserve Board, adopted regarding credits for the entente.

BERLIN HEARS OF WILSON'S ACTION AMIDST CONFUSION

Berlin, March 22 (via London).—The news of a calling of a special session of Congress by President Wilson arrived here in the midst of such confusing reports concerning events in the United States that none of the Berlin papers is commenting upon it.

MUCH SPECULATION AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF MR. MANN

Minority Leader Started on Vacation Without Leaving Address.

Washington, March 22.—There was much speculation at the Capitol today over the whereabouts of Representative Mann, the Republican floor leader of the House, who started on a vacation trip without leaving his address before President Wilson advanced the date of extra session of Congress two weeks. Mr. Mann's secretary and Republican House employes seemed confident, however, that the minority leader would be at his post when the time came for the convening of Congress.

GERMAN OFFICIALS PAID FOR BOMBS

Embassy Attaches Supplied Money for Establishing Factory at Hoboken, N. J.

SIX GERMANS DEFENDANTS

Detective Tells How He Trapped the Alleged Plotters by Representing Himself as an Agent of Wolf Von Igel.

New York, March 22.—An alleged admission that money for the establishment of a bomb factory in Hoboken, N. J., was furnished direct from officials of the German embassy at Wasnington was read today when the trials were begun here of six men charged with having attempted to create a reign of terror on the high seas by destroying vessels sailing from American ports with cargoes for the entente allies.

The defendants are Captain Charles von Kleist, a chemist, who is accused of having been engaged in the making of the bombs; Karl Schmidt, formerly chief engineer of the steamship Friedrick Der Grosse; Ernst Becker, electrician, and Frederick Karbade, George Praedel and Wilhelm Parades, assistant engineers of the same vessel.

How the police trapped the alleged plotters, after bomb explosions in 1915 had destroyed vessels and cargoes worth upward of $4,000,000, was recited to the jury today by Henry Barth, a detective, who gained the confidence of von Kleist by representing himself as an agent of Wolf von Igel, said to have been head of the German spy system in this country. Von Igel was an attache of the German embassy and returned to Germany with Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador. The detective said he telephoned to von Kleist last April and told him that he had been informed that von Kleist had written to Wolf von Igel.

"I told him he could only see von Igel through me," declared Barth. "I later met him by appointment and he told me that he and Dr. Walter E. Scheele, also a chemist, were partners in the manufacture of fire bombs and dealt also in fertilizer as a blind.

"Scheele, von Kleist told me, had received $10,000 from Captain von Papen, of the German embassy, to finance the bomb making, but he was in need of more cash."

Deputy marshals brought into court a trunkful of bombs which were exhibited as evidence against the defendants.

The plan is alleged to have been to put bombs either in the holds of vessels about to leave port, or to attach them to the rudders. Acids within the instruments were so arranged as to eat their way into contact with each other after the ship was well out of port and cause an explosion. In this way, it is claimed, many a fire was caused on ships bound to English and French ports and much damage was done.

The head of the alleged plotters was said to have been Dr. Scheele, who escaped arrest by flight to Mexico.

GERMAN RETREAT NOW APPARENTLY BROUGHT TO HALT

British and French Forces Meet With Strong Resistance All Along West Front

ADVANCE ONLY BY FRENCH

Nothing New to Confirm Report That Germany is to Declare War on United States

The Germans, according to the latest British and French official communications, apparently are ending their retreat along the front in France and are preparing to give battle everywhere to their oncoming foes. Paris reports that between the Somme and the Oise the Germans made successful violent attacks against the French troops, holding the east bank of the St. Quentin canal, but that the French machine guns stopped them. Attacks also were delivered by the Germans near La Fere and between the Laon road and the river Aisne, but the French barrage broke them up. London reports that from the south of Arras to the west of St. Quentin along the entire British front, the Germans are stiffening their resistance increasingly. The only advance by the entente along the French front is claimed by the French, who crossed the Ailette river at several points.

The Berlin war office asserts that on both sides of the Somme and Oise rivers, engagements have resulted favorably for the Germans.

There has been a renewal of activity on the Russian front in the Vona region. Here the Germans made an advance over a front of two and a half miles east of Lida and captured 225 Russians and a number of guns. Petrograd says that later the territory was retaken. In Galicia, near Brody, German attacks have been repulsed.

The Turks in Persia are still in retreat before the Russians, says Petrograd. Nothing new has come through concerning the operations of the British against the Ottomans north and northeast of Bagdad.

The entente allies are still on the offensive against the forces of the central powers in Macedonia, but Berlin says that attacks north of Monastir have been repulsed. The usual artillery duel and minor infantry attacks continue in the Austro-Italian theatre.

Nothing new has been vouchsafed regarding the report that the expectation in Berlin Wednesday was that Germany would declare war against the United States in 48 hours. It is stated, however, that the German imperial chancellor left Berlin that day for great headquarters for a conference with Emperor William and Field Marshal von Hindenburg on important questions concerning foreign politics.

BRITISH ARE NOW MEETING WITH GREATER RESISTANCE

London, March 22.—"The enemy's resistance is increasing along our whole front west of St. Quentin to south of Arras," says the official report from British headquarters in France tonight. "Heavy snow storms during the day added to the difficulties of our advance."

"We carried out a successful raid yesterday afternoon northeast of Arras and took a few prisoners. The enemy endeavored to counter-attack across an

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GREAT CROWD PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT

Urges That There be No Further Delay in Going to War

Elihu Root, President Hibben, of Princeton, and Others Speak at Patriotic Gathering in Madison Square Garden.

New York, March 22.—Led by more than forty patriotic and civic organizations and college clubs, a crowd that filled Madison Square Garden tonight enthusiastically pledged itself to the support of President Wilsan and urged that there be no more delay on the part of the United States in entering the European war against Germany.

Among the speakers were Elihu Root, who presided; Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University; Chas. S. Fairchild, who was secretary of the Treasury under President Cleveland, and Mayor Mitchell.

When Mr. Root, opening the meeting, declared the time had come for the country to act, irrespective of parties or partisanship, the great crowd arose, cheering and waving small American flags. This demonstration has repeated time and again and it was with difficulty that Mr. Root and the other speakers made themselves heard.

Mr. Root said in part:

"We come not to find fault or to criticise. We come to turn our faces toward the government of our choice, the

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EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Former President William H. Taft, president of the League to Enforce Peace, now on a tour of the South in the interest of that organization, spoke in Greensboro, N. C., last night.

MR. TAFT SAYS THIS NATION SHOULD JOIN THE ALLIES IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANITY

CRUISER MOEWE IS BACK IN HOME PORT

German Admiralty Announces Return After Second Cruise on the Atlantic Ocean

27 VESSELS WERE SEIZED

British Steamer Voltaire, Carrying 12 Centimetre Gun, Among Those Captured—Twenty-One Hostile Ships Taken.

Berlin, March 22 (via Sayville)—The German auxiliary cruiser Moewe has returned into a home port of the navy from a second cruise in the Atlantic Ocean, it was announced today by the German admiralty. The statement follows:

"The German auxiliary cruiser Moewe has returned into a home port of the navy from a second cruise in the Atlantic ocean where she stayed for several months under command of Burgrave and Count von Dohna-Schlodien.

"The ship captured 22 steamers and five sailing vessels with a gross tonnage of 123,000. They included 21 hostile steamers, of which eight were armed and five in the service of the British admiralty, as well as four hostile sailing ships.

"Among the vessels captured by the Moewe were the Voltaire, an English steamer of 8,617 tons gross, in ballast, carrying a 12 centimetre gun; the Norwegian steamer Halibjoerg, of 2,587 tons gross, and the Mount Temple."

The foregoing statement is the first definite declaration as to the identity of the vessel which sank eight British and two French merchant vessels and captured two other steamships in the southern Atlantic last January.

JAPANESE SHIP OWNERS TO PLACE GUNS ON VESSELS

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

Tokio, Feb. 28.—The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has definitely decided to arm its fleet of passenger and cargo steamers. The list includes 13 regular liners which sail between Japan and Europe and some 13 extra service liners which on the outward voyage go direct to London by the Cape of Good Hope and on the homeward trip call at New York and pass through the Panama Canal. The steamers will carry at least one 3-inch gun on the after deck as a means of defense against hostile submarines.

HOKE SMITH IN FAVOR OF CO-OPERATION WITH ALLIES

Atlanta, Ga., March 22.—Senator Hoke Smith, in an address here today to business men, declared that should the United States formally recognize a state of war with Germany, this country should take active measures at once. He said he favored loaning the Allies a billion dollars, sending American submarine chasers into the prohibited sea zone, using the navy to aid Entente warships in clearing the sea lanes and, if necessary, to transport an efficient fighting force to the French battle front.

Declares in Greensboro Speech "I Think More of the Pacifist Than the Bawling Jingo"

PLEADS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Explains the Principles and Purposes of the League to Enforce Peace, Which He Heads

IS ON TOUR OF THE SOUTH

Addresses Boys at Y. M. C. A. Prior to Principal Speech

Greensboro, N. C., March 23.—Former President Wm. H. Taft, sepaking to a North Carolina audience here tonight in the interest of the League to Enforce Peace, made dramatic appeal to the Nation "to take from the world storm its abnormal supply of hay." To Mr. Taft the picturesque term of the Western farmer was symbolic of national interests unprotected from the spreading storms of the other world. Mr. Taft declared that this nation should go in and do its part on the side of the Allies in the interest of humanity.

He said he did not believe the world is ready for professional pacifism, "but as for me I think more of the pacifist than the bawling jingo," the speaker concluded.

The large building in which Mr. Taft spoke was crowded with people of the city, and many others from different sections of the State. Mr. Taft arrived at 6:30 o'clock this evening, and went immediately to the Y. M. C. A. building where he spoke to more than two hundred boys between the ages of 12 and 18.

Introduced by Dr. Poteat.

At the theatre, the invocation was by Bishop Edwin Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem. President W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College, introduced President Taft. Manager J. K. Doan, who had charge of the arrangements for the meeting, was introduced by A. L. Brooks, and he spoke briefly upon the practical features of the campaign of the league. The party left tonight for a continuation of former President Taft's scheduled tour of the Southern and Southwestern states.

The object of Mr. Taft's visit was to urge membership in North Carolina of the League to Enforce Peace, and he outlined the organization plan, and discussed the progress that has been made in peace movements, and the work that is ahead of this organization at the close of the world-wide war. According to Mr. Taft, the league will not undertake to exact agreements of disarmament from nations, but will urge the organization of an international court to which disputes must be submitted before there is resort to arms. The work of organizing the State and local societies in towns and counties will be carried forward vigorously.

Not Yet a "League".

Briefly stated, the points emphasized by Mr. Taft are these: The League to Enforce Peace is not yet a "League," but an organization to promote a league

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GERMANY MAY BE TRYING TO FORCE PEACE ON FRANCE

Gen. Maurice Sees Possibility or Threat to Devastate All Occupied Portions

TERRITORY LEFT A DESERT

Destruction of Buildings and Homes Cannot be Defended on Military Grounds

London, March 22.—Germany in her work of devastation which is turning the abandoned territory in northern France into a desert may have a political motive in the direction of a threat thus to treat all occupied territory unless France enters into peace negotiations, was the theory advanced by Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk to The Associated Press today.

"The extent of the German retirement was no surprise to us," he said, "and you may feel that I prepared you for it. Just where the new line will be formed it is impossible to say. It is by no means certain that the Germans will again offer battle on the Cambrai-Laon line.

"Theories as to an ultimate withdrawal are purely speculative as, for instance, pivoting on Lille the Germans may extend their defense from Cambrai. On the other hand, while using the same pivot, they may form a line along the lower slopes of the Ardennes."

General Maurice then showed a number of photographs of ruined and burning villages taken before they were actually abandoned by the Germans, showing an almost total destruction. With reference to these villages he said:

"Some were never under our artillery fire. Of course, destruction dictated by military necessity is permissible, but the Germans have turned the abandoned country into a desert. Every cross-road is marked by a brown mine crater. Other measures of this sort were adopted as a military necessity as to retard our advance, but the wanton destruction of buildings, homes and splendid chateaux cannot be defended on this ground.

"When a military motive is lacking we must look for a political unless the Germans are animated by a pure love of savagery. This political move may be a threat to France that unless peace negotiations are entered into the remainder of the occupied territory will be turned into the same sort of a desert now marking the German retreat. Of course, the primary object of the destruction is a desire to avoid battle at any cost until the enemy is securely fixed in another line where he can resume the initiative after compelling us to make new preparations on the devastated terrain.

"Unofficial reports of fires and explosions north of Arras have been verified and may mean a retirement in that direction, as similar actions marked the preliminaries of the present retreat.

"Stronger resistance by the enemy on both flanks of the German withdrawal is quite natural. At these points the Germans have the support of their

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INCREASES IN RATES ASKED BY RAILROADS

To Meet Rising Cost of Commodities and Higher Wages

President Rea, of the Pennsylvania, Says the Situation is "Tense" and That Immediate Relief Should be Given.

Washington, March 22.—Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, told the Interstate Commerce Commission today that the rising cost of all commodities had affected the railroads to such an extent that the situation was "tense," and that immediate relief should be given the roads by higher freight rates, if they were to continue to render safe and efficient service.

Increased cost of all supplies, Mr. Rea said, was reflected in prices paid by the railroads for fuel, equipment and construction material, in addition to heavier payrolls resulting from the Adamson law decision. Speaking for the chief bituminous coal carrying roads of the east, he urged the commission to dispense with its usual suspension of proposed increases of from five to 15 cents per ton on coal from Eastern fields to Atlantic and Great Lakes ports, and to authorize the higher rates at once.

The proposal to increase rates on bituminous coal, he estimated, is the first step in a move for revision of freight rates generally in order that the rail-

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LIBERTIES TAKEN FROM EX-EMPRESS

Wife of Former Russian Emperor Informed of Her Arrest by General Korniloff

RIGID GUARD OVER PALACE

Monster Demonstration to Take Place in Petrograd Sunday in Favor of Women Voting for Constitutional Assembly.

London, March 22.—A monster demonstration will be held in Petrograd on Sunday in favor of women voting at the elections for a constitutional assembly, says a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd today.

Grand Duke Nicholas is on the way to Petrograd and former Emperor Nicholas, adds the dispatch, is expected today at Tsarskoe-Selo, where he will be met by General Korniloff, commander of the Petrograd district, with whom he will motor to the palace and be escorted by a guard of cavalry.

"General Korniloff," continued the dispatch, "informed former Empress Alexandra of her arrest. Proceeding to Tsarskoe-Selo with his staff, he telephoned from the station to the court chamberlain, Count Benckendorff, asking when it would be convenient for the former empress to receive him. General Korniloff declined to speak over the telephone on the object of his visit. Count Benckendorff asked him to wait at the telephone, returned in a few minutes and said that he might be received in a half hour.

"General Korniloff then read the decree to the palace where they were taken to the private apartments of the ex-empress who appeared in a few moments dressed in black, and asked all to be seated. Her first words were: 'To what am I indebted for your visit?' General Korniloff, rising, replied: 'I have come by the instructions of the council of ministers and I have to inform you of the decision of the provisional government.'

"The former empress, rising, said: 'I am ready to hear the government's decision.'

"General Korniloff then read the decree and informed the ex-empress that she was from that moment deprived of her liberty.

"A strict guard was established at the palace, the former guards being removed.

"The staff having retired the ex-empress asked General Korniloff not to dismiss the household servants, who were familiar with the habits and needs of her sick children. She especially requested to be allowed to retain Sergeant Berevenko, the male nurse of Alexis. General Korniloff granted the request and withdrew."

THE RUSSKIA VOLIA COMES OUT IN FAVOR OF REPUBLIC

London, March 22.—A dispatch to Reuter's from Petrograd states that the Russkia Volia appeared on the streets today with the startling caption, "Long Live the Republic," on its front page.

Russkia Volia (Russian liberty) first appeared in December. It was founded on capital collected from numerous industrial firms by M. Protopopoff, former minister of the interior. During the period of preparation the paper was repeatedly attacked mainly because of its connection with Protopopoff and it is stated that the former minister of the interior severed his connection with the publication. Proof of this appeared from articles containing violent attacks on Protopopoff. The staff of the paper includes a number of progressive and democratic writers and its aims are described as liberal.

THINKS REVOLT IS RUSSIA'S GREATEST SERVICE TO ALLIES

London, March 22.—Premier David Lloyd-George telegraphed to the Russian premier saying he believed the revolution in Russia was the greatest service the Russians had yet rendered to the allied cause, and that it was a sure promise that the Prussian military autocracy, the only barried to peace, would soon be overthrown.

DISMISSED GERMANS IN CHINA WILL PASS THROUGH THE U. S.

State Department Gives Consent For Safe Trip Across Continent.

Washington, March 22.—China is arranging to send the dismissed German diplomatic and consular officials in that country back to Germany by way of the United States, and has secured the consent of the State Department to their passage across the continent under safe conduct.

About 200 persons are to be in the party, including a body of German soldiers who have acted as a legation guard at Peking.

WILL TRAIN MINERS' WIVES AND DAUGHTERS IN FIRST AID

Bureau of Mines to Do Its Part Towards National Defense.

Washington, March 22.—The bureau of mines is preparing to do its bit for National defense by opening to the wives and daughters of miners an opportunity to train themselves under expert instruction for first aid work.

DUTCH TANKER SUNK WITH AMERICAN CAPTAIN ABOARD

Washington, March 22.—Vice Consul Kroh, at Rotterdam, advised the State Department tonight of the sinking by gunfire from a German submarine of the Dutch tank steamship La Campine with an American captain, Gustav Claude, on March 13, in the North Sea safety zone. The crew was saved.

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GOVERNOR WELCOMES THE GUARDSMEN HOME

Bickett Issues Personal Message to Returning Soldiers

Offers His Congratulations for Service Rendered and the Conduct of the Tar Heels—New Corporations Chartered.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—With the return of the North Carolina troops from the Mexican border almost an accomplished fact, Governor Bickett has addressed a general order to the men of the various units that have been in this special service, it being a personal message from the Governor to the men. It reads:

"With the return of the North Carolina troops from the border, it becomes the pleasure of the Governor to offer his congratulations to, and to welcome home, the officers and men who compose the various units from this State that have been in the service of the United States.

"While our troops did not actually participate in hostilities, their presence in conjunction with that of the troops from other states, without doubt contributed to the safety of our frontier and may have actually averted a war that seemed inevitable.

"The training that you soldiers received in the service will make you better citizens, and while you have suffered inconveniences, they are now passed and you have conducted yourselves in such manner that your military superiors, and, in fact, all with whom you have come in contact, have been most liberal in your praise. The State can, therefore, feel a just pride in its sons, and be assured of their loyal support in future emergencies."

New Graphite Corporation.

The Moniter Graphite Co., of Ashland, Ala., has been formed with William J. Andrews, of this city as president and Thos. M. Webb, of this city, as secretary and treasurer and will at once install a $40,000 plant on lands that the company has acquired for the mining and development of rich graphite deposits. The company is capitalized at $100,000. Mr. Webb, who is a brother of Alexander Webb, of Raleigh, and Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, will give his personal attention to the operation of the plant.

Charters Issued.

New corporations are chartered by the secretary of state today as follows:

The Goldsboro Construction Co., of Goldsboro, capital $50,000 authorized and $5,950 subscribed by G. A. Norwood, J. W. Slaughter and others for a general contracting, construction and real estate development business.

The Chamber of Commerce of Henderson, chartered without capital for the furtherance of the civic and commercial interests of the town of Henderson, J. S. McWhorter, W. T. Watkins and R. B. Crowder being among the incorporators.

The Mutual Grocery Co., of Burlington, capital $15,000 authorized and $1,500 subscribed by W. T. Collins, G. C. Hitchell and others for a general grocery business.

The Hub Land Co., of Lexington, H. B. Varner, president, amends its charter so that the capital stock is reduced from $12,000 to $500.

DISCUSS MEASURES TO SPEED UP AIRPLANE CONSTRUCTION

Leading Manufacturers Confer With Members of Advisory Committee.

Washington, March 22.—Measures to speed up the construction of airplanes were discussed here today at a meeting of leading manufacturers with the executive committee of the National Advisory Committee for aeronautics. The conference named four members of the National Advisory Comittee and three representatives of the Aircraft Manufacturers' Association to consult further on hurrying construction and standardizing types.

AMERICAN TANK SHIP HEALDTON IS SUNK AND 20 OF HER CREW PERISH

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It is believed that 14 men were killed by the explosion.

SURVIVORS SAY SHIP WAS TORPEDOED IN "SAFE ZONE"

London, March 22.—Thirteen members of the American steamer Healdton's crew have arrived at Yumiden, Holland. They say the steamer was sunk without warning in the so-called "safe zone" and express the belief that 19 men aboard the vessel were drowned. This information is contained in a Reuter dispatch from Yumiden, which follows:

"The steam trawler Java has arrived here with 13 members of the Healdton's crew. They say the Healdton, unwarned, was shot into flames by a German submarine in the so-called safe zone. Of the crew of 41, probably 19 men were drowned, owing to a sloop capsizing. Two others who jumped also were drowned.

"The Healdton was bound for Rotterdam by way of Bergen with six thousand tons of petroleum."

GERMAN RETREAT NOW APPARENTLY HALTED

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open and suffered severe casualties.

"A small hostile party succeeded in entering our trenches early this morning north of Ypres. The raiders were driven off by our forces after sharp fighting. Another hostile raiding party was dispersed by our machine gun fire southwest of Lens.

"Our airplanes were active yesterday in the area of the enemy's withdrawal. Much reconnoissance work was carried out. One German machine was brought down behind our lines."

HARD FIGHTING WAGED IN VICINITY OF ST. QUENTIN

Paris, March 22.—Hard fighting has been in progress between the French and Germans in the neighborhood of St. Quentin, according to the official statement issued by the war office tonight, the Germans made a number of attempts to drive back the French from the east bank of the St. Quentin canal, but the attacks failed.

There also were lively engagements west of La Fere, one of the German strongholds

SAYS FISH MADE HER SICK, BUT SHE CAN EAT IT NOW

Wilmington Lady Says: "I Know I Was in a Bad Shape---Tanlac Surely Helped Me." Suffered for 4 Years.

"I have been strengthened so much by Tanlac; my appetite is good—I eat everything I want—I haven't had any nervous spells since taking it and I am able to sleep sound all night. My headaches have gone and I have been helped in lots of ways. I recommend Tanlac because it is a fine medicine and is a splendid tonic. It surely helped me and I know I was in bad shape." Lilly Jordan, of 705 South Fifth street, this city, was telling her story to the Tanlac Man.

"I suffered from nervous indigestion for the past four years," she continued, "and have been in poor health and on a decline all this time. I tried various remedies but they didn't help me. I was weak, my nerves gave way on me and at night the least noise would disturb me. I felt that I wanted to throw everything down and leave. I just couldn't stand nervousness. Upon eating, especially fish, I would become so sick and my stomach would swell and sharp pains shoot all through me and I would have the worst kind of headaches.

"But it is all different now," she ended happily.

Genuine Tanlac—the kind that builds strength and health, as explained in the above story—is sold in Wilmington only by the Bellamy Drug Store. Each town has its Tanlac dealer.—Adv.

FOOD SCARCITY DAILY GROWING IN ENGLAND

More Drastic Steps by Food Controller is Probable

One Report Is That the Government Intends to Introduce Two Meatless and Two Potatoless Days Each Week.

London, March 22.—The food question is pressing daily on the British public and, according to authoritative reports, a few days will see new and drastic steps on the part of the food controller, Lord Devonport, to meet the situation and prevent exploitation of the public by traders.

The controller announced in the house of lords today that although voluntary rations had brought about excellent results, much more in this direction was required; otherwise it might be necessary to resort to compulsory rationing which would be a national calamity. He was very desirous of avoiding this, owing to the tremendous machinery needed. This machinery, however, was ready, he declared, if required and a great reduction in bread and sugar was still imperative. The controller also intended, he said, to introduce a strong measure to prevent the hoarding of food.

According to an unofficial report, the government intends to introduce two meatless and two potatoless days weekly in all restaurants and hotels and to forbid more than five ounces of uncooked meat to be served for each person. With regard to hoarding, it is stated that the police will be empowered to search private houses and if more than a fortnight's supply of sugar, on a basis of a weekly allowance of three quarters of a pound per capita, is found, the persons so hoarding will be severely punished. Traders also would be prohibited, under penalties, from attempting to compel purchasers to buy other things being supplied with sugar, potatoes and similar commodities, as this system has led to mischievous waste.

WILL TRY AGAIN TO SOLVE IRISH PROBLEM

Announcement in House of Commons Received With Cheers

Dalziel Resolution Voted Down After Andrew Bonar-Law States Government Had Already Decided to Make One More Attempt.

London, March 22.—In the course of a debate in the house of commons tonight on a resolution offered by Sir James Henry Dalziel, liberal, urging the government to make another attempt to settle the Irish difficulty, Andrew Bonar-Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced that the government had already decided to make such an attempt. The Dalziel motion accordingly was voted down.

The nationalists, considering that they had already stated their position, did not participate in the debate, which revealed a strong desire for a settlement on the part of all the unionist and liberal speakers, with the exception of Lord Hugh Cecil, who declined to believe that war time was favorable to such an attempt.

The Dalziel resolution urged the government to take immediate steps to bring about a settlement of the Irish question. Sir James argued that Ireland was a weak spot in the great task before the country and said he thought the government ought to appoint a commission to endeavor to reach a settlement of the home rule controversy.

Ronald McNeill, unionist, on behalf of the Ulster county, entered a strong protest against the suggestion of John Dillon, one of the nationalist leaders, in the house Tuesday night, that there had been negotiations between the Ulster leaders and Baron Kuhlmann. He declared this was a trumped up charge and that it would prove a great obstacle to a settlement of the home rule question. He further expressed the belief that the statesmen of the dominions "would refuse to touch this Irish commission with a barge pole."

SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ARE ACTIVE ALONG THE BORDER

Investigating Reports That German Spies Are Going Into Mexico.

El Paso, Texas, March 22.—United States secret service agents have been unduly active on the border here during the last 48 hours investigating the reports of German spies crossing to Mexico and the movements of Germans said to have been enlisted in the United States army and National Guard commands on the border. All persons who cross to Mexico are examined closely. Among those who have escaped to Mexico is a German-American trooper in the Georgia infantry. He was said to have announced his intention of going to Chihuahua City where he expected to join a regiment of Germans reported to be in process of formation there.

National Advertising of Branded Products to Help Dealers

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Dealers are coming, more and more, to appreciate the value to themselves of advertising done by manufacturers of branded products.

In fact the most foresighted of them are virtually concentrating their sales on advertised products.

They recognize the manufacturers' advertising is being used to educate their own customers.

Manufacturers' advertising is a real help to the dealer. It stimulates trade, by maintaining a healthy demand for the goods without the necessity of price cutting, a pernicious practice common in unadvertised lines to keep sales up.

The dealer has much to gain by manufacturer-advertising. In fact, he may consider himself a PARTNER in the advertising.

This partnership is worth much to the dealer who is shrewd enough to see this relationship and utilize it by keeping the advertised goods on display and otherwise backing the advertising.

Manufacturers realize that they cannot FORCE DISTRIBUTION to the consumer against dealers' will. They need the hearty co-operation of dealers in getting products into the hands of the consumer, for the normal way from factory to consumer is through dealers.

The retail store may be regarded as the vital point in the channel through which trade passes from factory to consumer. All trade which passes through the channel must pass through this particular part of the channel. No more trade can pass through the channel as a whole than can pass through its narrowest point.

Any action of the manufacturer injurious to the dealer would tend to narrow the channel at this point and hence to restrict the volume of flow from the factory. Conversely, any move which is beneficial to the dealer tends to broaden the channel at this point—tends to lessen the resistance here so that a greater volume of trade may flow from the factory.

Manufacturers realize these facts. Hence the whole purpose of manufacturer-advertising is to lessen resistance to the flow of trade—to broaden the channel at all points—to help dealers!

Advertising benefits the manufacturer by benefiting the dealer at the same time, and ONLY by benefiting the dealer.

Just HOW national advertising benefits the dealer will be discussed in a series of succeeding articles.

DESERVES GOLD MEDAL FOR THIS

Cincinnati authority tells how to dry up a corn so it lifts out.

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezone applied directly on a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once and soon the corn loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

A quarter of an ounce of freezone costs very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to take off every hard or soft corn or callus. This should be tried, as it is inexpensive and is said not to inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue or skin.

URGES COMMAND OF AIR AS IMPORTANT PART OF DEFENSE

Without It, Command of Land and Sea Worthless, Says Peary.

New York, March 22.—Command of the sea and command of land are worthless without command of the air, said Read Admiral Robert E. Peary today, in an address here under the auspices of The National Special Aid Society.

BRITISH STEAMER CORONDA IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

St. Johns, N. F., March 22.—The sinking of the British steamship Coronda, 2,733 tons, by a German submarine was reported here today. Cable advices stated that 21 survivors were safe aboard another ship.

Ask our customers. Sales for Saturday, green or garden peas, 2 cans for 31c. Atkinson & Watters.—Adv.

500 Bushels FIELD PEAS

Suitable for Planting
2,000 Bags Rice, All Grades.
200 Bags Green Coffee.

Prices and Samples Furnished on Application.

Samuel Bear, Sr. & Sons
WILMINGTON, N. C.

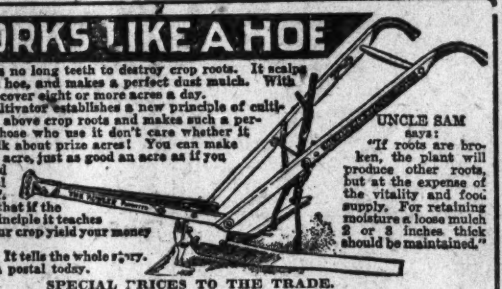
GRAY HAIR

Becomes Evenly **DARK**
Soft, Fluffy, Thick, Long by Using

La Creole

Falling, thin, dry hair, gray, streaked with gray, prematurely gray or faded hair, gray beard or mustache quickly becomes evenly dark, soft, fluffy, healthy by applying La Creole Hair Dressing as directed on bottle. No dye—absolutely harmless. Stops falling hair and dandruff—makes hair grow long and beautiful. Not a trace of gray shows after applying La Creole Hair Dressing. Sold on a money back guarantee, $1 a big bottle, at Jarman & Futrelle's drug store, Wilmington, N. C.

IT WORKS LIKE A HOE



The Fowler has no long teeth to destroy crop roots. It scalps the surface like a hoe, and makes a perfect dust mulch. With one mule you can cover eight or more acres a day.

The Fowler Cultivator establishes a new principle of cultivation — it works above crop roots and makes such a perfect mulch that those who use it don't care whether it rains or not. Talk about prize acres! You can make every acre a prize acre, just as good an acre as if you hoed it by hand and also cut your usual labor cost in half.

We guarantee that if the Fowler and the principle it teaches do not increase your crop yield your money will be refunded.

Get our book. It tells the whole story. It's free. Send a postal today.

UNCLE SAM says: "If roots are broken, the plant will produce other roots, but at the expense of the vitality and food supply. For retaining moisture a loose mulch 2 or 3 inches thick should be maintained."

SPECIAL PRICES TO THE TRADE.

Masters Rapid Plant Setter

For Setting Out
TOMATOES
CAULIFLOWER
SWEET POTATOES
CABBAGE,
TOBACCO, Etc.

NO STOOPING
The Greatest
LABOR SAVER
ever bought
NO LAME BACKS
or ever used

WATERS AND SETS THE PLANT SO IT WILL GROW!
This little machine has no equal in all the world, and is just as much needed on the farm as the spade or the hoe.
Makes transplanting EASY, PLEASANT WORK, and will produce a perfect stand of plants and a better quality crop.

N. JACOBI HARDWARE COMP'Y
10 AND 12 SO. FRONT ST. AGENTS.

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Three Coupons Secure the Dictionary
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secure this NEW authentic Dictionary, bound in real flexible leather, illustrated with full pages in color and duotone 1300 pages.

Present or mail to this paper three coupons like the above with ninety-eight cents to cover cost of handling, packing, clerk hire, etc.

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For greater distances or parcel post rate see 5th.

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All Dictionaries published previous to this year are out of date

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Either old or new subscribers to The Morning Star will be presented with one of The New University Dictionaries absolutely free, as a subscription premium upon the payment of one year's subscription in advance to the daily and Sunday Star at the regular established subscription rates of $6.00 the year by mail out of town, or $7.00 the year delivered by carrier in the City of Wilmington. If book is to be sent by mail, postage to cover must be included in remittance.

NOTICE!

Just because you want or need your clothes made to measure, is no reason why you need deprive yourself of the excellence assured by The House of Kuppenheimer.

We have an arrangement with them that enables you to secure all the style for which their clothes are famed, all the fineness for which their cut and fit and tailoring are celebrated.

A large line of samples of their finest Spring and Summer 1917 woolens are here to select from. We will measure you with care, and incorporate all the little details you desire to conform with your taste and your build. And we'll turn out a suit that will do you credit.

The prices are remarkably reasonable. And the values, in the face of unusual conditions, are superb. Only a House like Kuppenheimer, with its tremendous facilities and its nationally known high standards, is able to produce such remarkable clothes as we guarantee you for the money.

We shall be pleased to have you come in any day this week—the earlier the better.

J. M. SOLKY & COMPANY
One Price Clothiers and Furnishers.
9 N. Front St.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated June 6th, 1916, made and executed by W. H. King, James M. King and wife, F. V. King, to the Citizens' Bank, Inc., duly registered in Book 80, Page 400, of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds, New Hanover county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of interest due on the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the said county of New Hanover, at Twelve o'clock noon, on Monday the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following described piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point where the Eastern line of Fifth street intersects with the Southern line of Marstella street, and runs thence Eastwardly with and along the said Southern line of Marstella street, 80 feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with the Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with the Southern line of Marstella street 80 feet to the Eastern line of Fifth street; thence Northwardly with and along said Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet to the point of beginning. The same being a part of Lot 1, in Block 540, according to the present official plan of the said City of Wilmington, N. C.

Dated and posted this the 23th day of February, 1917.

CITIZENS BANK, INC.

SHELL

Spectacles or Eye Glasses

We have Shell Rim and bow of beauty and elegance, made to meet the mode. Come in and see them. WE will save you money.

Spectacles or eye glasses correctly fitted to your eyes for $1.00 up.

EYES TESTED FREE

DR. VINEBERG
MASONIC TEMPLE.

GOOD PRINTING

The Refinement of Good Printing is apparent in the product of the Pittman-McColl Company.

The Artistic Touch is Dominant in the harmony of effect produced.

Each order, whether an engraved announcement or a bulky catalogue, receives the same intelligent attention from our experts.

Send us your orders for Printing, Engraving and Rubber Stamps.

PITTMAN-McCOLL COMPANY
16 Princess St. Wilmington, N. C.

ENDEAVORERS THRILLED BY DR. FRANCIS CLARK

Father of C. E. Carries Audience on Tour of the World

Delivers Stirring Address at Greensboro on "Our World-Wide Fellowship"—Is Accorded an Ovation by Crowd.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Greensboro, N. C., March 22. — Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, spoke to a great throng of Christian Endeavorers and others here last night on the theme, "Our World-Wide Fellowship." The father of Christian Endeavor was warmly welcomed by local Endeavorers. At 7:30 last evening local societies gave a large parade of their members on South Elm street, with Dr. and Mrs. Clark riding next to the band.

When the speaking began in the theater, a great throng had assembled. Dr. Clark was introduced by Rev. R. M. Andrews, pastor of the Grace Methodist-Protestant church. Dr. Clark is growing old, but retaining strong physical qualities and unimpaired mental traits.

He spoke of the war in Europe and its effects upon Christian Endeavor work. The largest union of societies in the world, but now many of its members are in the trenches. In Germany there are more than 500 societies, all in the Lutheran church, and they are plentiful in every other country which is now party to the struggle. In speaking of the present prospect for war between Germany and the United States, Dr. Clark asked the Endeavors to keep their minds and hearts free of hate of their country's enemies. And when the war is over, he wants all Endeavorers together to sing "Blest be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts in Christian Love."

It was in Capetown, South Africa, that Dr. Clark heard British and Boers singing that song together after the war. The first meeting of all enemies in a convention following the end of the war was in a Christian Endeavor convention, he said. He was there before the war, knew Kruger, heard the expressions of resentment of the English attitude, and then again was a visitor to see old foes re-united under the banner of the great society, and at the close of this South African convention 250 young people voluntered for missionary service to carry the gospel into the center of Africa.

He spoke with gladness of the Russian revolution and the abdication, under pressure, of the czar. He recounted a visit to Rega, Russia, to make an address to a little group of Christian Endeavorers. Aware of the restrictions of speech, he made application through his friend, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, two months in advance of the date of the meeting, for the right to address it. The ambassador was unable to get the matter arranged in time, but during the meeting, while the Endeavorers were on their knees praying for the unlocking of the message, which the founder had crossed the ocean to deliver, a knock came at the door and a telegram conveying unofficial permission to speak was brought in.

The speaker carried his audience with him on a great tour of the world, and introduced them to Christian Endeavorers in India, China, Japan, Egypt, Russian Poland, the Balkan States and all sections of the earth.

THIRD REGIMENT TO PARADE THROUGH RALEIGH SATURDAY

Now in Camp at State Fair Grounds—Dress Review Sunday.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—The Third regiment North Carolina National Guard arrived here at 1:30 this afternoon and was detrained at the State Fair grounds and went into camp immediately to await the mustering out process or whatever other turn the critical war situation may develop. Col. S. W. Minor, of Durham, is in command.

On Saturday afternoon the regiment will give a parade and a band concert down town, the concert to be in Capitol Square. Then on Sunday afternoon there will be a formal dress parade and review of the troops at the fair grounds in which the review will be by Adjutant General Royster and staff in the absence of Governor Bickett.

The Second regiment has left El Paso bound for this State and will reach Goldsboro probably next Wednesday to go into camp there to await developments. The cavalry troops reached their home stations yesterday all "unbeknowinst" to the State authorities of the Guard here.

GIRLS! HAVE WAVY, THICK, GLOSSY HAIR FREE FROM DANDRUFF

Save your hair! Double its beauty in a few moments--try this!

If you care for heavy hair, that glistens with beauty and is radiant with life; has an incomparable softness and is fluffy and lustrous, try Danderine.

Just one application doubles the beauty of your hair, besides it immediately dissolves every particle of dandruff; you cannot have nice, heavy, healthy hair if you have dandruff. This destructive scurf robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life, and if not overcome it produces a feverishness and itching of the scalp; the hair roots famish, loosen and die; then the hair falls out fast.

If your hair has been neglected and is thin, faded, dry, scraggy or too oily, get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine at any drug store or toilet counter; apply a little as directed and ten minutes after you will say this was the best investment you ever made.

We sincerely believe, regardless of everything else advertised, that if you desire soft, lustrous, beautiful hair and lots of it—no dandruff—no itching scalp and no more falling hair—you must use Knowlton's Danderine. If eventually, why not now?

COURT OPEN IN SOUTHPORT

No Cases of Particular Interest—Dredge Cape Fear Returns—"First Aid" Training.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Southport, N. C., March 22.—The March term of the Superior Court of Brunswick county, in session this week, has developed no cases of particular interest to the public. The criminal docket, lasted until Wednesday noon, all small matters.

A local case of wife-beating, because of the parties being well known, both colored, was of interest, the defendant being Abe Galloway, a teamster, who according to reports partook of some "fire-water" and beat his wife terribly. In fact, she was so fearful in her appearance at court that every one took her side, and were loud in condemnation of the man who beat her, though he was husband and had friends among the whites. Abe was given six months on the county roads, and the judge said it would have been ten years if Abe, who is 82, had been younger. Final action will be taken as to the sentence, Abe being in jail, before the court adjourns, as the prisoner is too old for road service, so may stay in jail with a fine.

Outside of routine business of county affairs, the commissioners this week have had no matter of importance before them.

The government dredge Cape Fear, since the boat's return from Morehead City last Saturday night, has been at Wilmington, a broken shaft demanding attention. Two breaks of shaft at Morehead City made her return here sooner than expected.

The older girl pupils at the high school are to enjoy the privilege of lessons in "first-aid," these to be given under the direction of the hospital steward, Mr. Freeborn, of the Fort. These lessons will be given at the school building once a week. In addition to the "first-aid," Sergeant Putnam will give the girls drills in the signal code. These services of the Fort officers have been voluntary on their part, and are greatly appreciated.

The return of the steamer Wilmington today on her regular daily run, after being off for a couple of days undergoing some cleaning up, is welcomed.

The man doing the largest business here this week has been Sheriff Robinson, tax collecting, an industry needed, but one that leaves a feeling for the time being of pocket-goneness, bank-account-depletion. The sheriff is pleasant enough, but no one loves to pay taxes.

MR. JOHN R. SMITH PASSES.

Venerable Resident of Mount Olive is Dead—Funeral.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Mount Olive, N. C., March 21. — John R. Smith, about 55 or 60 years of age, died at his home here this morning at 4 o'clock. He had been confined to his bed for several weeks, due to paralysis.

For a number of years Mr. Smith was a leading druggist here, which business he finally gave up to go into the carnival business. As manager of the "John R. Smith Shows" he travelled over this and several other states, until declining health compelled him to give up traveling, when he returned here and again opened a drug store, but was finally compelled to also give up that and take his bed.

His wife and several children and several other near relatives survive him.

Interment will take place in the local cemetery tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

TRIBUTE TO E. B. WRIGHT.

Resolution Adopted by North Carolina Forestry Association.

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 22.—Secretary J. S. Holmes, of the North Carolina Forestry Association, is sending to the press of the State the following resolution which was adopted by the Association at its last meeting in Raleigh:

"Be It Resolved, That in the death of our former President, Mr. E. B. Wright, this Association has lost a staunch friend, a most active member, and a wise and sympathetic guide, and the State a progressive, patriotic and constructive citizen; and

"Resolved Further, That we hereby express the sympathy we as members of this Association have felt for his family in their bereavement."

FROM RICHMOND TO RALEIGH.

Seaboard Division Headquarters Soon to be Moved.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—It is learned that within a few weeks now, the superintendent's office and the train dispatchers of the Seaboard Air Line handling the division embraced in the lines, Raleigh to Richmond and Raleigh to Norfolk via Norlina, are to be moved from Richmond to Raleigh as being a location better adapted for the work of handling the traffic. It is said that the shops here are to be very considerably enlarged, too, and that the changes will bring quite a number of additional residents here in the way of Seaboard employes. The Seaboard shops and the Norfolk Southern as well, were considerably enlarged the past year.

WHITE WAY PLEASES RALEIGH.

So She is to Have More of It—Some for the State, Too.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—Raleigh is so well pleased with her splendid "White Way" that stretches now from union station up Martin street, six squares, to the City Market, and on Fayetteville street from Davie to the Capitol Square are to be extended soon to include the business sections of Wilmington and Salisbury streets. The next Legislature will be expected to provide "white way" standards and lights around Capitol Square.

Ban on Vagrants in Rocky Mount

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 22.—Recorder R. T. Fountain, of the city court here, has let it be known in no uncertain words in his court that vagrants will have to give Rocky Mount the go by, or go to the roads for loafing around the city. Judge Fountain tries to help those who show a disposition to mend their ways, but he has no patience with the loafer nor those who try to fool the court.

Friday, March 23rd at 10:30 A. M. Highwood Park land sale. mh24—4t

BASE BALL.

Tennis and gymnasium shoes. Peterson & Ruffs. New lot.—adv.—23-25-2t.

Pretty Dress Voiles | **Bon Marche** Incorporated. | Attractive Draperies

One Price to All

When this store was opened, we made known the fact that it was to be a ONE PRICE STORE. Today we reiterate that statement. It is our pleasure and our desire to give the buying public the advantages of every special purchase that we make—but these specials are offered to everyone.

The fact that this system reflects confidence upon the store is shown by the daily increased patronage it is receiving.

Compare values—our one price with the lowest of the other prices—then buy where you get the most for your money. We have found Wilmington women to be good judges of merchandise, and are willing to rest our case with them.

Friday and Saturday Specials

Every week special offerings are made in the store for Friday and Saturday. This week, being but a short time before Easter, many women should be interested in these various items.

From the Comprehensive Notion Section

By the way, are you aware that we sell Machine Neebles to fit any make sewing machine? You women who have had to send away for them should make a memorandum of this fact. Price, 10c for 5.

15c Slipper trees; special at ..... 9¢
Black headed pins, for ..... 10¢ card
Delong hooks and eyes, 10c grade for ..... 7½¢
Line of pearl buttons for ..... 5¢ card
"Stay Fast" Hair Nets, of human hair, a 15c value for ..... 10¢

A limit of 5 to a customer is made on the last item.

Sport Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs

Just received a new Easter line of Sport Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs for men and women, in the new shades, very pretty; priced at 25¢ to 59¢

Extraordinary Waist Values for Friday and Saturday

A special purchase permits us to offer a line of Georgette waists in attractive sport models and designs—beautiful is the proper word to describe them—in the center window; values to $10.00, for two days ONLY; priced at $6.75
$5.50 and $6.50 silk waists, in all sizes; priced at $3.75
Wirthmore waists, 4 new styles, all sizes; priced at $1.00

300 CAROLINA STUDENTS BEGIN ACTIVE MILITARY TRAINING

Alumni Throughout State Sending in Blanks Filled In.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 22.—Close to 300 students of the University of North Carolina assembled in the old Commons hall last night to begin active military training. New names had been coming in all day and it is expected that a much larger number will eventually desire to prepare for some kind of military service. Members of the faculty are also interested in the movement.

A telegram has been sent to the government for guns and it is expected that a regular army officer will be asked for. At present the training is in the hands of those students who have had abundant military training at Plattsburg or in military school. Coach T. J. Campbell and Dr. J. B. Bullit, both Plattsburg men, will render assistance. The whole plan was formulated at a meeting Tuesday night, and ever since there has been the greatest amount of enthusiasm manifested. From two to three hours of military drill each week will be engaged in. It is likely that three or more companies will soon be formed.

The astonishingly quick and sympathetic response in a day's time to the appeal of the University of North Carolina to its alumni to offer their services to the government and register their qualifications for service indicates that practical patriotism is at a high temperature in North Carolina and refutes the general impression that this section of the country is not patriotic or interested in the war. Blanks poured in all day from all over the State, with offers of professional service in dentistry, pharmacy, surgical work, manufacturing, clerical and scientific services, and every line of special or miscellaneous training.

GOVERNOR BICKETT COMING TO WILMINGTON FROM CHARLESTON

Goes to South Carolina Port From Coker College, Hartsville.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—Governor Bickett took part today in the ceremonies for the inauguration of Dr. E. W. Sykes as president of Coker College, S. C., and he and Mrs. Bickett will go from there to Charleston to spend a few days with their son, who is a cadet in Porter Military Academy there. Then he goes to Wilmington to deliver an address in connection with the live stock show there March 28 and will not be in the executive offices here again until March 29.

This is the first time the Governor has been away from his desk since he was inaugurated and the 60 days that the Legislature was in session constituted a period that was an especilly heavy strain on the Governor in pressing upon the legislators the legislation that he had mapped out as essential to the success of his administration, about all of which he succeeded in having put through.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY PURCHASES LAND FROM BILTMORE ESTATE

Asheville, N. C., March 22.—Purchase of 110 acres of land from the famous Biltmore estate, at a cost of $175,000, by the Southern Railway, was announced yesterday, marking another step in the plans of that railroad to spend a million dollars for new terminal facilities at Asheville. The Southern recently spent $25,000 for part of the Montgomery property, lying in the same section as the Biltmore property bought yesterday, and has either secured an option or has bought the Connally property, which will complete the needed tract of land.

Duplin Court Next Week.

Warsaw, N. C., March 22.—Court for the trial of civil cases of Duplin county will convene in Kenansville next Monday, with Judge C. C. Lyon, as presiding officer. No cases of a very exciting nature are to be heard, and the regular court work is expected to be transacted with regularity and ease.

WAYNE COUNTY PEOPLE NOT PLEASED WITH LAW PASSED

Salary System, Which Saved $7,500 a Year, is Repealed.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Goldsboro, N. C., March 22—Sometime ago your correspondent sent in a news item, coming from a reliable source, to the effect that the salary system for Wayne county officers had been the result of saving the county several thousands of dollars. When the report appeared in this paper, J. Faison Thompson, of this city, recently appointed county attorney, followed the story up with another, stating that the report of your correspondent was incorrect, or words to that effect, claiming that the salary system had proved a failure.

Now, instead of proving a failure and a loss to the county as claimed by Mr. Thompson, an investigation discloses the fact that the salary system has been a decided success, saving to the tax payers of Wayne county for the year of 1916 $7,500.

Furthermore the passage of a bill by the recent General Assembly repealing the salary system for Wayne county officers, which means a return to the old fee system, has met with severe criticism from people all over the county, who were greatly surprised to learn this fact, especially so because the bill was passed without previous discussion, either in the press or on the forum and with a quickness of action that gave the people no opportunity to express by petition or otherwise their sentiments upon the question.

Death at Rocky Mount.

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 22.—Mrs. T. C. Rowland, one of the finest Christian characters in the city, who had been a sufferer for a long while, died at her home on Clark street yesterday afternoon. She was a member of the First Baptist church, and the funeral was conducted today by her pastor, Dr. Livingston Johnson. Mr. Rowland and three surviving children have the deepest sympathy of a host of friends.

BOY SCOUTS AT WARSAW

Team Organized and Engaging Regularly in Drills.

Warsaw, March 22.—Mr. T. B. Massie has organized a Boy Scout team of about 20 enthusiastic youngsters of the town. Mr. Stanly Wall is assisting him with their drilling, which is going on regularly. This organization will be of great benefit to the boys, and through them, to the town. The necessary equipment is hoped to be secured at an early date, when the team will then be in fine working order.

BASE BALL.

Tennis and gymnasium shoes. Peterson & Ruffs. New lot.—adv.—23-25-2t.

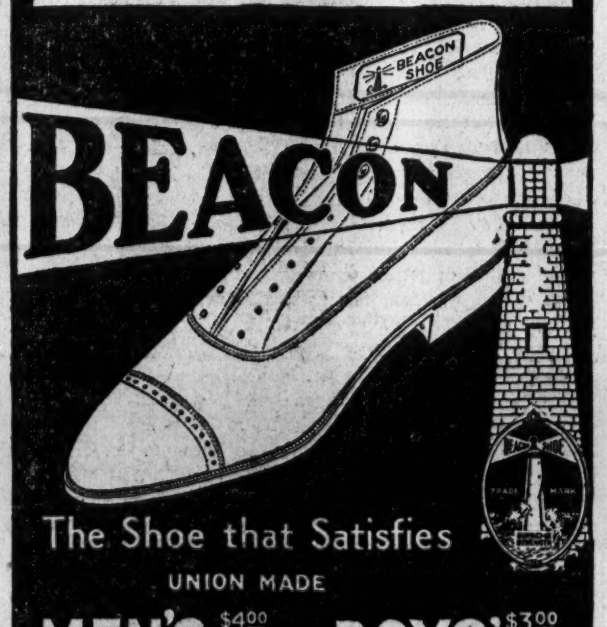
Freckle-Face

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.

Do you know how easy it is to remove those ugly spots so that no one will call you freckle-face?

Simply get an ounce of othine, double strength, from your druggist and a few applications should show you how easy it is to rid yourself of freckles and get a beautiful complexion. The sun and winds of March have a strong tendency to bring out freckles, and as a result more othine is sold in this month. Be sure to ask for the double strength othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove the freckles.

GEORGE W. PENNY SOLE AGENCY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"Shakespeare used ninety per cent of English words; the English Bible contains ninety-four per cent.; Milton, eighty-one per cent.; Addison, eighty-two per cent.; Tennyson, eighty-eight per cent. Most of our shortest and simplest words are of native origin.

"If any language comes into close contact with another, there is likelihood of word-borrowing. English is one of the most cosmopolitan of languages. From the French it began to borrow even before the Norman conquest; after that, as intercourse with France increased, it borrowed heavily from the Norman and Parisian French. Many Spanish and Italian words have come in as a result of commercial activity."

Floods of coupons continue pouring in for The New Universities Dictionary. The distributing clerks are kept busy. The publishers have been ordered to keep a big supply bound and ready for emergency calls. It looks as though the raid on the supply would soon make a replenishment necessary. Such a rush was not expected, but this paper is greatly pleased to see readers taking such enthusiastic advantage of its educational offer.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Either old or new subscribers to The Morning Star will be presented with one of The New University Dictionaries absolutely free, as a subscription premium upon the payment of one year's subscription in advance to the daily and Sunday Star at the regular established subscription rates of $6.00 the year by mail out of town, or $7.00 the year delivered by carrier in the City of Wilmington. If book is to be sent by mail, postage to cover must be included in remittance. See Coupon for rate.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER.
IN SUPERIOR COURT.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Joseph W. Yates, et als.
vs.
Cape Fear Oil Company.

The undersigned duly appointed Receiver in the above entitled cause gives this notice to all creditors of Cape Fear Oil Company to file or present to the undersigned as Receiver, in writing, at his office, No. 207½ Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, any claim or demand which they may have against Cape Fear Oil Company, duly itemized, on or before the 2nd day of April, 1917. All creditors are further notified that at the April Term, 1917, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County an order will be applied for in the above entitled cause directing and authorizing payment by the Receiver of a dividend to creditors, at which said Term of Court any person interested may appear and interpose such objection as may be desired.

W. P. MANGUM TURNER,
Receiver.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 1917.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of the late Roberta L. Russell, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said intestate, to present the same to the undersigned for payment on or before March 15th, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this March 15th, 1917.

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Administrator of the Estate of Roberta L. Russell.

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State of North Carolina,
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RECEIVER'S SALE.

By virtue and in pursuance of a decree made in a certain proceeding now pending in the Superior Court of New Hanover County wherein J. A. Rowan is plaintiff and the Atlantic Coast Veneer Company is the defendant, the undersigned Receiver duly appointed by an order in said cause, will sell at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington and State of North Carolina, at twelve o'clock M., on the 12th day of April, 1917, the following described property:

One two machine veneer mill, fully equipped with electric equipment driven by independent motors. Also a basket department in connection with the same, equipped with the most modern machinery. Capacity in veneer three cars per week. Capacity in baskets one car per day. One vat capacity to hold 35,000 feet of logs, a main cutting room 70x100 with 600 lineal feet of shed room and sufficient land adjoining to enlarge the same to any capacity. No. 1 gum logs delivered on yard with a supply of the different kinds of hardwood to be delivered at the rate of $8.00 per M.

The plant is so situated that the raw material can be had either by rail or water in unlimited quantities. Unfilled contracts now on hand where parties will take veneer and output of mill sufficient to keep mill running for at least twelve months without securing additional contracts.

This mill is fully equipped with all and every kind of belting, pulley, machinery and equipment essential and necessary to carry on a first class veneer business.

In addition thereto the mill site, containing three acres of land, is in one of the best mill site localities in New Hanover County.

The Tide Water Power Company will furnish electricity for the operation of this plant as cheap as it can be had in North Carolina.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance in sixty and ninety days, title to property retained until last payment of deferred notes. Will sell either at public or private sale.

This the 12th day of March, 1917.

GEO. H. HUTAFF,
Receiver of Atlantic Coast Veneer Co.
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Attorneys for Receiver.

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About 200 bushels Simpkins Cotton Seed, Burt and White Spring Oats. 500 sacks Green Coffee, all grades. 500 sacks Rice, all grades. A general assortment of all kinds of Canned Goods and a complete stock of Drugs.

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WILMINGTON

Population: U. S. Census, 29,892; estimated, 35,000.

Headquarters, Atlantic Coast Line railroad, with 1,200 employes in general offices.

Thirty passenger trains enter and leave daily over five separate railway routes.

North Carolina's only deep water port, with annual average of $55,685,000 commerce over period of five years.

Financial centre and clearing house for the Carolinas; capital and surplus of banks increased million dollars in past eight years, deposits increased $4,500,000.

Handles one-fifth of cotton crop of two states. Total interior business financed in Wilmington $50,000,000. Covers North and South Carolina with annual jobbing business of $45,000,000.

City of home owners; building and loan associations have paid-in capital of $1,142,000 with loans of $1,402,000 on real estate. Has good roads, good streets and good schools.

Has several large fertilizer plants, two cotton mills, iron foundries, woodworking plants with unlimited supply of woods available for manufacturing.

Wrightsville, Carolina and other beaches located near Wilmington and widely known; over 100,000 visitors annually.

Wilmington district, embracing New Hanover and five surrounding counties, rich in agricultural advantages and highly favored for intensive agriculture; largest truck growing area north of Florida.

Wilmington leads in improved health conditions, the county declared by Dr. C. W. Stiles, U. S. Public Health expert, as leading all communities in South in improved sanitation.

An active Chamber of Commerce and a progressive citizenship. Strangers always welcome to these opportunities.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1917.

TOP O' THE MORNING.

Your desires are you.
—EXCHANGE.

Oh, gwan and buy that pretty hat for her. Easter comes but once a year.

Possibly the Columbia State could convince the kaiser that his underwater boats are blunderwater boats.

A man whose opinion is guarded is lucky if the guard rounds it up and keeps it from escaping beyond the confines of reason.

Doubtless Norfolk and Savannah have caught on to the fact that the geographic location of Charleston is in the vicinity of Goose creek.

The European masses seem to be getting tired of a lot of walruses who claim the exercise of power by "divine right to rule." The people are superior to any one man.

The Biblical Recorder says a great many North Carolina preachers are filling pulpits in Georgia. This speaks well for the missionary zeal of North Carolina preachers.

It is now said that Bagdad is not pronounced that way but is given the sound of Barg-did. Anyhow, the paragraphers can get even by reflecting that dad is "did" to a finish.

A Boston preacher threw up his job and quit his church because it did not have any humanity in it. He didn't seem to stop to think that there is a great deal less outside the church.

Billy Sunday will soon have a few remarks to make to and about New York. After Billy expresses his opinion of New York, it will make people wonder what claim that town has to any protection at all.

Many a grand duke isn't anything of the kind. American women who exchange themselves and their wealth for titles no doubt realize that it is quite likely that they will be ex-duchesses, ex-countesses, ex-baronesses, et id omne genus.

A fellow says he recently tried to work off a wise saying of Solomon as his own but all the crowd jumped on him for being nutty and unpatriotic. This shows that Solomon is better off dead than to be here and get into a dispute with Tom, Dick and Harry.

Up in the "mountaneous" portion of South Carolina the news got out that Germany declared war on the United States at 1:30 P. M. last Modnay. The significant part of it is that the people of that remote region believe all the rumors originated and circulated in those diggings. They actually believe they are a part of the United States.

Laugh it off, else laugh off as much of it as possible. Some men actually get right grouchy over a situation that is not affected one way or other by their particular grouch. No man should imagine himself to be of such importance as to believe it is up to him to get sullen and grouchy. It makes people laugh, because a dogmatic individualism is silly and is diagnostic of a case of diseased egotism. The sign is a rabid point of view, whereas a healthy state of mind is indicated by calm and logical processes of reasoning, exactly to the contrary of "the outbursts of Everett True." Extreme views, a volcanic delivery of verbosity, and a ponderous punctiliousness too plainly indicate that an individual has usurped more than a warrantable lot of importance. It is a bad sign for any person to go through life suffering from a morbid imagination. The immodesty of Teddy furnishes a living example of the fact that a man can become such a chronic ranter that people cease to take him seriously on account of his spectacular speechification.

THE HEROIC WAY

The heroic way to face war is not to get excited and do things foolishly or in haste. This refers particularly to individuals and groups of citizens. In some American cities the mob spirit already has to be restrained, and it must be admitted that individual acts or rash things done by a crowd do not have the slightest military effect. It is a waste of enthusiasm, patriotism and time. Wait till the time comes to do something worth while.

In Washington a few days ago some students resented the action of a teacher who put up the picture of the kaiser. Her explanation of her action was that she had intended to use the picture to illustrate a lecture to the students concerning Germany. She could have informed the boys about something of which they know little or nothing, but the boys—who will be boys—didn't want any Kaiser Bill in theirs, so they took down his picture and placed one of President Wilson in its stead, according to the Associated Press report of the incident. That didn't affect the kaiser at all and it will not help us toward licking Germany if she does not quit torpedoing American ships. Things like that do not do a particle of good, but they really reflect on us as an orderly and calm minded people. In that connection the Columbia State thus speaks wisely:

"School boys will be school boys and one may let it go at that, but one may hope that full grown American men will not imagine that wars may be won or patriotism be illustrated by tearing down the pictures of the kaiser of turning them to the wall. The less we imitate the foibles of German "kultur," the fewer the songs of hate that we write and we sing, the fewer the deep oaths that we breathe against the things German (as the German breathe against things English) the sooner will we get down to business and establish the justice of the American cause. The fact is that one of the surprising things about this war is that the Germans have behaved like Frenchmen and that the French have behaved like Germans—in other words, nearly all the "Par bleus!" and "Diables!" have been drowned in the "Strafes!" that come screeching and thundering from t'other side of the German Rhine. Let school boys be school boys—since there is no helping it—but fighting without hating is, in the long run, more effective than with it. Indulgence in hate is most wasteful. No sensible man, in this age, has time or energy to expend in hates. The fires of hate generate no steam power."

It also is a good idea to be "from Missouri" about war rumors generally. They should be quietly investigated, especially if they are merely of local significance. International controversies don't depend on insignificant local colorings and President Wilson would much prefer for us to be just as calm, dignified and earnest as he is himself. Follow his lead and wait for his call for action. nI the meantime give him the moral support of your influence as an individual in the circles in which you move.

DON'T LET WAR SCARE YOU OFF.

Communities which desire to make progress, establish industries and engage in any really constructive undertaking should not hold off on account of the possibilities of war. There won't be enough war to warrant cold feet on real progress of any description. In fact, war will create an enormous demand, and, even if it should last a few years, the city, the county, or the section that is ready to do business when it ends will profit because of its own preparedness.

Panic frights and war frights hold people back and scare them off from making investments and going ahead with their enterprises. That is what makes it dull. Production and enterprises cease because people get scared and quit. They merely lose time. The man who waits on wind and tide will get left.

Building good roads is one thing that no war should stop. It takes a year or two to construct highways, anyhow, and the sooner they are completed the sooner will progress go forward and values increase. Good highways constitute one value that war cannot decrease. Good roads values go on forever.

The Atlanta Constitution states that conservative estimates place the net profit accruing to Hardin county, Kentucky, during the last two years, from its forty-mile stretch of the Dixie highway, at $500,000 on an original expenditure of $50,000!

Of this amount $21,000 is reckoned as having been left in the county by the $4,000 out-of-state tourists who have motored over the highway during the period under consideration, and who would not have visited the county but for the fact that the highway had been made attractive. The rest of the profit is attributed to the enhancement in value of farm land contiguous to the highway.

It is an accepted fact that every farm in Hardin county along the Dixie highway has increased in value over $10 per acre; and all because of the highway.

No consideration is taken of the saving to the farmers in cost of transportation of their products to market, the report goes on to say. 'Two years ago it was an all-day trip in an automobile from Elizabethtown to Louisville, a distance of 45 miles,' where as today, in any sort of weather, the trip involves a matter of only a few hours.

Hardin county, Kentucky, is the largest county traversed by the Dixie highway from the Ohio river to the Florida line.

Alas! Some one who keeps tab on seventeen years locusts says they are due this year.

A COTTON BUYER RAISING STOCK.

Greensboro has a cotton buyer who is raising cattle and hogs and is demonstrating how it can be done. He is also demonstrating how to provide pasturage for his stock instead of depending on some old worn out field or tick-infested range. This Greensboro man is Mr. J. E. Latham, of the J. E. Latham Company, cotton merchants, and he sends us a circular in which he says: "We are very needy for cotton, and if you have any to sell or ship on consignment, we would like to have you consider Greensboro."

While Mr. Latham needs cotton and wants some, he gives some sound advice about growing cotton as a crop this season. Considering the fact that there seems to be no prospect or hope of avoiding war with Germany, he advises that it is best not to increase the cotton acreage. In view of the imminence of war and the certainty of labor deficiency, he says: "Surely no farmer during these times should wish to overcrop with anything, especially cotton, and no merchant or banker ought to encourage or permit the planting of any land that cannot be properly prepared, fertilized and tilled." Mr. Latham has a plantation of his own and he is practicing what he preaches to others who farm. He has diversified his farming and demonstrating how the best breeds of cattle can be bred and pastured right here in North Carolina. The Greensboro Record thus tells us about the kind of man Mr. Latham is:

"Mr. J. E. Latham, the cotton merchant of this city, is an enthusiast on farm work. As chairman of the county farm demonstration committee he is not asleep at the switch. He has guaranteed that before he gets through his chore he will increase the agricultural output of old Guilford ten per cent for ten years, and that means one hundred per cent. Mr. Latham is not a farmer, but for the past four years he has given much time, money and attention to the needs of the agriculturist. He comes in as an official, as a man duly appointed to help, and he has taken off his coat, figuratively and literally, and he is helping. He goes out to the county school houses and he addresses the farmers; he tells them what he has ascertained, what he knows to be facts, and they give him a respectful hearing and thank him for the information he imparts. He is showing them by cold facts and figures that they must diversify their crops; that they must pay more attention to live stock; that they must get the best that is on the market and improve conditions in all ways.

"Not satisfied with telling these farmers what they ought to do, on his big plantation of many hundreds of acres in Alamance county he is prepared to show them, by actual exhibition, what can be done, because he is doing it. He already, as an illustration, has a fine herd of some twenty-odd Hereford cattle—the catfle that grow to enormous size and make the best and the most beef—and not satisfied with that he has just sent his expert herdsman to Missouri and purchased three more carloads of thoroughbred Herefords, and when they arrive he will have the finest herd in this state. These cattle come high, these pedigreed cows and bulls, but Mr. Latham is determined to show his fellow brothers what is possible in the live stock line.

"Not alone in live stock, but in all agricultural products Mr. Latham is conducting his farm, proving that pastures can be made, that grasses can be grown, and showing the people round about that a pasture doesn't consist of an old field or an old forest with a fence around it. He is making an ideal picture show down in Alamance, and, being an enthusiast and wanting to do something for his fellow man, regards his present efforts as better than holding office or building marble monuments to dead men. The state is to be congratulated because it has in it a man of Mr. Latham's views and ability to carry out what he thinks should be done."

Mr. Latham is a cotton merchant, a real estate man, a demonstrator and a booster. Colonel Fairbrother says Mr. Latham is "not a farmer," but that is an egregious and deliberate—mistake—as we can prove by what Colonel Al says himself in the editorial quoted above. When his new herd of thoroughbred Herefords arrives from Kansas City, they will include eight fine bulls and the balance cows. This will increase his plantation herd to 75 cattle—for breeding purposes. It costs him a good lot of money and it required nerve, but he has successfully tried stock raising on a smaller scale and the Record says "he is in earnest and wants to demonstrate and prove that raising the right kind of beef cattle in this State will pay the man who undertakes it." Furthermore, says the Record:

"He wants to show that whereas on ordinary cow that is sold for beef will weigh six or eight hundred pounds, this particular breed which he will introduce will weigh from twelve to fifteen hundred, while the steers will run as high as two thousand pounds—and more.

"Those who see nothing but tobacco and cotton will some day awaken to the necessity of diversity—of different kinds of crops and improvement in the live stock line. All of this kind of work Mr. Latham is enthusiastic over, and he wants to be in position not to submit theory to farmers when he goes to talk to them as Chairman of the Farm Demonstration Committee but imagining some may be from Missouri, he will have the farm and the crops and the live stock to "show them" if they want to see. When the addition to his herd arrives there will be a pretty picture on that Alamance plantation."

It strikes The Star that Mr. Latham ought to come to Wilmington next Wednesday and Thursday to attend the State-wide livestock exposition and conference. We guess he will be here. Every live farm owner and landholder should be in Wilmington on that occasion. North Carolina must be made a great livestock state, for we have the climate, the pasturage adaptabilities, the forage growing versatility and the opportunity to make North Carolina the leading live stock State in the South.

Packing houses and creameries already organized will furnish the nearly markets that will provide our farmers a new opportunity for additional income from one year's end to another.

FARMING PREPAREDNESS.

A Definite Program of Preparation for the Boll Weevil.

(By David R. Coker.)

Numbers of bankers, merchants and farmers of the State are aroused to the danger of the advancing boll weevil, but many of them have no definite and easily followed program which will prove effective in making the situation livable when the weevil arrives. Any crop rotation proposed must take into account renters and share croppers who are a majority of our farmers, and it must at the same time appeal to the large landholder whose active co-operation will be absolutely necessary. Every authority on the subject agrees, first, that the cotton crop should be reduced; second, that food crops should be increased; third, that the soil should be enriched, before the weevil arrives. The increased food crops should, of course, be readily marketable, and should afford the maximum improvement to the soil. I believe we have one crop—the 90 or 100 day velvet bean—which is admirably suited to this purpose, and I propose the following recipe for the one-horse tenant farmer which may be readily adapted to use by farmers of any size.

The average one-horse farmer now plants say twenty acres of cotton and four acres of grain (corn and oats). Let his merchant and landlord insist on his planting this year six acres or more of corn and eighteen acres or less of cotton. In the six acres of corn, insist that he plants early velvet beans.

Next year (1918) have him plant nine acres of corn with velvet beans and fifteen acres of cotton. Six acres of these fifteen will be behind the previous year's velvet bean crop and will require no fertilizing except Acid Phosphate or Ground Phosphate Rock, costing $2.00 to $3.00 per acre.

In 1919 the corn and velvet bean crop should be increased to twelve acres and the cotton reduced to twelve, nine of which will be behind the previous year's velvet beans and require but a small outlay for fertilizer.

In 1920 the cotton acreage may remain at twelve acres and the other twelve should again be put into corn and beans and each year thereafter the cotton will follow the bean crop and the beans follow the cotton crop. A cover crop of Abruzzi rye (or in some cases crimson clover) should each year be put in the cotton.

While the boll weevil may be expected to arrive here within two years, it is probable that his maximum damage will not come before 1920. If this scheme is followed our cotton acreage will by then all be upon land which has the previous year produced the finest of humus and nitrogen crops—velvet beans—the fertilizer requirement being less than 50 per cent. of that now considered necessary. Upon such land and with such fertilization we may, by following the government recipe for the production of cotton under boll weevil conditions, be expected to make at least as much cotton per acre as is now being made. With moderate fertilizing the corn may be expected to make not less than ten bushels per acre, and the beans not less than fifteen bushels.

Three hundred bushels of grain is now more than half the value of the product of the average twenty-four acres rented or share-cropped, and is quite equal in value to the average cotton crop upon the same acreage.

It will, in most cases, be necessary to plant for horse feed about two acres in oats followed by peas or beans to each twenty-four acre crop. This will come out of the corn and velvet bean acreage and will not interfere with the efficiency of the scheme. If tobacco is planted, it should come out of the cotton acreage.

The worst infested boll weevil areas in south Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are now using this velvet bean profitably. The farmers claim that they can raise from twenty to thirty bushels per acre of beans besides an average corn crop. Wherever they are being raised in any quantity oil mills and merchants have prepared themselves to grind them for feed and the farmers, I understand, are receiving about $20.00 per ton for them in the hull. We, ourselves, this year planted fifty-nine acres of these beans in corn, on poor, sandy soil. We made from ten to sixteen bushels of corn and from fifteen to twenty-seven bushels of beans per acre, the average yield of beans being twenty and one-half bushels per acre (figuring ninety pounds per bushel). We had seven acres of these beans on better land which produced thirty-three and one-third bushels per acre. They are a magnificent feed, suitable for feeding to mules and cattle without grinding. Hogs will also do well on beans, though it is better to feed them ground.

In order to grow velvet beans successfully, it is necessary to get them in early. We recommend the planting of corn in seven-foot rows and the planting of velvet beans in an open shovel furrow in the middles, from April 20th to May 1st. On poor land plant one bean every eighteen to twenty-four inches, on rich land one or two beans every three or four feet. If preferred, the beans may be planted between the hills of corn. It is absolutely necessary, however, to get them in very early if a full crop is to be made.

It will be impossible to get the co-operation of the tenant class in carrying out this program unless they are assured a reasonable tenure of land. The land owner should assure his tenant that he will not be required to move as long as he carries out this rotation and properly cultivates his crop.

One of the most attractive features of the program outlined above is that it is safe and practicable even if the boll weevil should delay or entirely cease his progress (a theory for which there is no warrant). If adopted, it will result in the enrichment of the soils, the increase of live stock, big reduction in farm expense, and an all round sane farming system.

Another most compelling reason for greatly increasing the production of grains and live stock is the world war in which it seems this nationa will be forced to become a participant. A food famine threatens half the world and even this great food producing nation has no adequate surplus with which to relieve the necessity of other peoples, and is itself feeling most acutely the high cost of the necessaries of life. Both self-interest and patriotism should at this juncture induce every farmer in this country to produce all the foodstuffs possible.

I hope very much that every landowner, banker and merchant in the state will realize the absolute necessity of using his most earnest efforts to secure the adoption of this or some closely similar program this very year by all our farmers, both large and small, white and black. It is not mainly a question of philanthropy; it is one of actual bread and butter, in which the banker, merchant and professional man is just as much interested as it the farmer. Let us then all wake up before it is too late and do the obviously necessary thing for our own and the State's safety and prosperity.

SOME QUESTIONS ASKED.

To the Editor of The Star:

While the political mills are now daily grinding upon our streets, the questions ever asked, and never answered are: "Will Mr. Merritt continue to hold his present position as Councilman from the Third Ward until he is elected Mayor of the City of Wilmington, and thus deprive the citizens of his own ward of a voice in the naming of a successor?" "What effect will his not resigning as Councilman have upon the final result in his contest for Mayor?" These and many other questions are continually dinned into our ears; yet no answer is forthcoming. Who will answer these questions for us?

The first of May will soon be here, and whether or not Mr. Merritt sees fit to tender his resignation until after the final result is announced, as Champ Clark said of the late presidential campaign: "We may all expect an old-fashioned 'hoss' race."

S. E. EURE.

Wilmington, March 22.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Rev. R. L. Davis has been diligent, courageous and faithful as the head of the Anti-Saloon League in North Carolina. We have no sort of sympathy with the people who abuse him and who say that he has been a hindrance rather than a help to the cause of prohibition. But there has developed against Mr. Davis so much opposition that we really believe that he should retire and rest on his laurels. A new leader can carry the cause forward farther and faster than he.—Charity and Children.

BISHOP DARST AT NEW BERN

To Visit Local Church at Neuse City Next Sunday.

(Special Star Correspondence).

New Bern, N. C., March 22.—Bishop T. C. Darst, bishop of the diocese of East Carolina, is to pay New Bern a visit next Sunday and local Episcopalians are looking forwar dto his arrival with much anticipation.

Bishop Darst will preach twice at Christ Episcopal church while he is in the city and at the morning service will confirm a class of candidates.

—The first through Pullman from New York to Wilmington left the former city yesterday afternoon at 3:34 o'clock. Through a typographical error it was stated in yesterday's Star that it would leave New York at 3:40 o'clock. The Pullman will leave Wilmington this afternoon at 6:45 o'clock.

Fresh lot of mullet roe, 95c per dozen. Atkinson & Watters.—Adv.

FOR
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

We will place on sale some extra special values throughout our store that should appeal to the economic side of every one. These items are not old or shop-worn, but are new, first-class merchandise and will be offered at these prices on

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

One special lot of Ladies' Straw Hats; the newest and most popular shapes and in assorted colors; Special Friday and Saturday ..... 50¢

A splendid assortment of Flowers for Hat Trimmings; Special Friday and Saturday ..... 10¢

36x72 inch Fiber Rugs; these are regular $1.00 values; Special Friday and Saturday ..... 75¢

Special assortment of Ladies' Waists in plain white and colors; Special Friday and Saturday ..... 98¢, $1.98, $2.48

One special lot of Dress Ginghams in a nice assortment of patterns, 27-in. wide; special Friday and Saturday, yard ..... 10¢

Yard Wide Bleaching, extra quality, regular 12½c value; Special Friday and Saturday, yard ..... 10¢

12½c quality Fancy Colored Lawns; Special Friday and Saturday, yard ..... 10¢

These prices positively will not prevail except on Friday and Saturday, so the careful shopper will do well to take advantage of these specials.

We Refund Carfare On Purchases of $2.00 or Over

J. H. REHDER & CO.
615, 617, 619 NORTH FOURTH STREET

FRIDAY and SATURDAY
SPECIALS
at
J. W. H. Fuchs' Dep't Store

Friday and Saturday are special value giving days at this store and we mention in this advertisement a few of the many items that mean economy to patrons of this establishment on these two days.

It will pay you to watch our advertisements and take advantage of these special offerings. Our cash methods insure the lowest possible prices at all times and when we offer something "SPECIAL" then you can rest assured that it is an especially attractive value.

Glance Over These Items Then Come and See the Goods

Air Float Talcum Powder in one pound cans ..... 19¢
In small cans ..... 8¢
Full line of Men's Dress Shirts, in all sizes ..... 68¢
Corsets in all sizes; special ..... 48¢
Dress Gingham in fancy stripes and plaids, at per yard ..... 7¢
36-in. Long Cloth, 18c to 25c values in small lengths, not over ten yards to a customer, at per yard ..... 10¢
Cake Boxes, 50c values at ..... 29¢
Cake Pans; Special ..... 4¢
Glass Pitchers, 25c value ..... 15¢
Boys' Khaki Pants, all sizes up to 16; per pair ..... 39¢
Ladies' Middie Blouses, all sizes at ..... 48¢
Hemmed Sheets, 72x90-in. at ..... 48¢
Hemmed Pillow Cases, 42x36-in., at ..... 9¢
Hemstitched Pillow Cases, 42x36 inches, at ..... 13¢
Ladies' Gauze weight Hose, black, Palm Beach and white; special at ..... 9¢
Men's $1.50 Pin Check Work Pants, extra good quality; sizes 30 to 44; per pair ..... 98¢
Rival Enameled Steel Dish Pans ..... 19¢ and 25¢
Tin Wash Basins ..... 4¢ and 8¢
Enameled Cake Pans ..... 8¢
Enameled Sauce Pans, large size ..... 19¢

J. W. H. FUCHS' DEP'T STORE
Wilmington and Lumberton

OWNERS MUST CONNECT PROPERTY WITH SEWER

Board of Health and Council to Wage War On Surface Closets

Committee Appointed at Joint Meeting Last Night to Find Means of Abating Nuisance at Foot of Greenfield Street.

Unremitting warfare against surface closets within the sewerage district in the city of Wilmington was declared at a joint conference of the Board of Health and City Council last night and it was decided to give property owners 60 days or until June 1st to have connections for their houses made to the city sewerage system, if the property is still unconnected, and then to prosecute them in the courts, if they have not complied wtih the law by that time.

Realizing that summer is rapidly approaching, when the disposal of night soil becomes a more serious proposition than in the winter, the conference was called at the instance of Councilman McCaig to find ways and means of coping with an admittedly hard problem. It was the consensus of opinion that the only proper means to employ is to force property owners within the sewerage area to have their houses connected with the sewer.

Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt, county health officer, and Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, were appointed as a committee to draft a notice to publish in the daily papers and also to send to property owners, who have been derelict in duty, notifying them they have but 60 days of grace and after that time warrants will be issued and they will be prosecuted in the courts, if they have not complied with the law.

While a report from the Health Department shows that there are 1,200 houses in the city in the sewerage district that are still unconnected with the sewer, there are about 200 outside of the sewer limits. The question of disposing of this night soil furnishes a perlexing problem. Dr. Nesbitt's solution of it, as outlined before City Council several months ago and again last night, is to have the city purchase enough cans to take care of this closets and then have them emptied into a convenient manhole.

Mr. C. C. Chadbourn was present at the conference last night by invitation, and again told of the bad conditions in the vicinity of his lumber plant at the foot of Greenfield street. In this connection Mr. Chadbourn explained that as he had made a public statement at the regular meeting of City Council Wednesday which tended to reflect on Council, he desired to apologize publicly for having made it, as he felt sure that Councilman McCaig, chairman of the finance committee, and other members of Council are doing the very best they can.

A joint committee was appointed to go into the matter of finding a way to dispose of the night soil. This committee is composed of Councilmen Bunting and McCaig from City Council and Dr. H. C. Wessell and Dr. Chas. T. Nesbitt for the Board of Health. They will go into the proposition thoroughly and make a report as to what they consider the best thing to do. Mr. Chadbourn was assured that he would be provided with relief from the bad conditions of which he spoke.

Dr. Nesbitt was confident that the only solution is for the city to buy not less than 700 cans, the contents of which can be dumped into the sewer, but night soil cannot be. Dr. Nesbitt called attention to the fact that during the past three years there had been 3,300 closets connected to the city sewer and that the addition to the revenues of the city had been $66,000.

Councilman McCaig declared that he had been dumbfounded when he learned recently that there are 1,500 closets in the city still unconnected with the city sewer and still more dumbfounded upon looking over the list, as furnished by the Health Department, to learn that many wealthy men in Wilmington are owners of much of this property. He proceeded leisurely to read the names of prominent citizens, some of whom appear many times on the list. Councilman McCaig read on and presently came to the name of a prominent city official. However, this official later entered a demurrer to the charge, declaring that he did not own the property in charge. Another county official denied owning property accredited to him on the list and cited witnesses to prove that he had sold it.

Without making any specific criticism of the Health Department, Councilman McCaig stated that he could see no reason why the city or the Board of Health should put up with such conditions any longer. He thought it was time to call a halt and to call it before summer begins. He was ready for action, not next year, but now. His words met with a responsive chord on the part of the others present.

Councilman McCaig did not doubt the good work that had been done but he had observed that sewer connections are now being made very, very slowly. In fact there are not more than ten a month and at that rate, it would take a score of years to finish the job, even if the city never gets any bigger.

"I was misinformed some months ago," declared Councilman McCaig, growing rather more eloquent than is his wont, "when I was told that it is only the poorer class of people who have not made connections with the sewer. Believing that such was the case, I thought it a good thing to abolish the charge for collecting night soil, and now since these men, who are a hundred times richer than I ever hope to be, find they can get this service for nothing, they want the work done twice a month instead of only once as formerly."

Dr. Nesbitt declared in reply to the statements of the Sixth ward councilman that he was sure that 70 per cent. of the list referred to are people too poor to pay for sewer connections. There was not one on it, he dared to say, who had not been notified from two to five times. Continuing, he explained the great difficulty in prosecuting cases in the courts. He had given the list to the grand jury some time ago but nothing had ever come of it. It is not an easy thing to establish ownership of property that is changing hands and yet many of those in the list are those who have sold property on the installment plan. Many of them are real estate dealers who are handling property for other people.

Dr. R. B. Slocum interrupted at this point to explain that a well known real estate dealer had explained to him some time ago that he did not have the money to have connections made. Dr. Slocum pointed out that this man had overloaded himself with property and that the proper course for him to have done would be to provide against such contingencies.

After considerable discussion it was decided to have a joint notice signed by both the Board of Health and City Council, notifying property owners that they must have their surface closets connected with the sewer before June 1st.

Mayor Moore presided at the meeting last night, which was attended by Councilmen Hall, Bunting, Bradshaw and McCaig and Chairman W. A. McGirt, Dr. J. C. Wessell, Dr. R. B. Slocum and Prof. Washington Catlett, of the Board of Health, Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, kept a record of the proceedings.

Saturday Sale. Bargains as usual. Cash means economy. Atkinson & Watters.—Adv.

COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Expected That Fairly Large Delegation Will Attend Reunion in Washington Next June.

At an enthusiastic meeting of the local camp of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans held in the Wilmington Light Infantry armory last night, plans were made for co-operating with the State commander in increasing the number of camps in the State, and for the entertainment to be given by the Misses Burkheimer to aid in defraying the expenses of Confederate veterans to the reunion in Washington next June.

Commandant W. C. Galloway appointed a committee composed of Messrs. James H. Stevenson, C. C. Brown, A. T. St.Amand and E. J. Woodward, to co-operate with Commandant Everett of the State camp, with a view to increasing the number of camps in North Carolina.

Several committees were appointed to take care of the entertainment to be given under the auspics of the camp by the Misses Burkheimer at an early date to aid in defraying the expenses of the Confederate veterans to Washington next June, as follows: Ticket committee, P. Heinsberger, H. R. Little, C. Leon; Hall committee, James H. Stevenson, E. J. Woodward, P. D. Satchwell; Advertising committee, James H. Cowan, A. T. St.Amand, J. H. Stone, W. S. Clayton; Finance committee, C. C. Brown, Walker Taylor, James F. Woolvin.

Considerable interest is being manifested concerning the reunion in Washington, and it is expected that a large delegation will attend from the Wilmington camp. There seems to exist a spirit of rivalry between the Wilmington and Charlotte camps and it is the intention of each to outdo the other in the way of sending a delegation to Washington.

DEBATING TEAMS ARE PREPARING FOR FRAY

High Schools of Wilmington, Lumberton and Goldsboro to Meet.

The triangular debate between the high schools of Wilmington, Goldsboro and Lumberton, which will be held as a preliminary to the State contest at Chapel Hill, will be held in all three cities simultaneously on March 30th. Goldsboro will come to Wilmington, Wilmington will go to Lumberton, and Lumberton will go to Goldsboro.

Miss Lydie Penton and Owen Martin will represent the local school in Lumberton, while Miss Marie Bonitz and Stuart Cover will appear here against the Goldsboro team. The subject to be debated will be "Resolved, That The Federal Government should own and operate the railroads." Wilmington will have the affirmative side of the question at home, and the negative at Lumberton. In order to enter the finals at Chapel Hill, a school must win both sides.

SLOGAN IS ADOPTED BY DRESS UP WEEK COMMITTEE

"Buy It In Wilmington And Watch Wilmington Grow" Is Chosen.

"Buy it in Wilmington and watch Wilmington grow" is the slogan adopted by the publicity committee of the "Buy in Wilmington and dress up week" movement that has been organized among the merchants of the city. The publicity committee is composed of Messrs. L. R. Duvall, C. A. Woolton and Carl B. Rehder.

The committee in charge of the movement have met with a liberal response from the merchants of the city and the success of the venture seems assured. The primary object of the plan is to keep the money that is spent for clothing and other necessities of life in Wilmington, and prevent it from being taken away by the large mail order houses in the larger cities.

GOOD SERVICES AT CALVARY.

There Were Five Additions to Church Last Night.

Another large congregation attended the revival services at Calvary Baptist church last night and were rewarded with an able sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, on "The Prodigal Son." The organized men's classes of the church attended the services last night in a body, and the senior and junior B. Y. P. U.'s will attend tonight. There were five additions to the church last night.

Highwood Park Land Sale.

Much interest has been manifested in the sale of Highwood Park, which will be conducted this morning at 10:30 o'clock by the United Realty Company. This property will be sold at public auction and it is expected that there will be a large crowd on hand as the tract is well located and the lots will be sold in large sizes, convenient for the man who wants a small farm near the city. The lots will be sold at public auction.

—Councilman B. A. Merritt, in charge of the public buildings of the city, has announced that an American flag will shortly be hoisted over the city market, the only remaining public building that is still undraped in the National colors.

Exported electricity purchased by firms in this country from nine Canadian Central stations near Niagara Falls amounted to 1,021,780,359 kilowatt hours or 54 per cent of the total output for a year.

SUIT STARTED BY RECEIVERS

Proceeding Instituted in Superior Court Against Directors of Southern Mutual Home Company.

Suit has been instituted in Superior court by the receivers of the Southern Mutual Home and Real Estate Company against the directors of the corporation, against which receivership proceedings were started last year after a long legal fight, and while the complaint in the action has not been filed it is understood to be for the recovery of an alleged indebtedness of nearly $10,000 as shown by the books of the former secretary, Mr. M. C. Hammond.

The suit was instituted through Messrs. E. C. Bessellieu and J. W. Yates, receivers, through their attorneys, E. T. Burton and Addison G. Ricaud, Esqs., and the defendants named, many of them prominent business and professional men, are: Messrs. C. C. Brown, T. E. Brown, Geo. O. Gaylord, M. C. Hommand, W. R. Davis, T. P. Evans, J. S. McRae, H. H. Covington, W. H. Humphrey, C. D. Weeks, Cleaphas Vaughan, B. F. Doughty, H. D. Andrews, J. A. McNorton and J. L. Lane.

The Southern Mutual Home and Real Etate Company did an extensive business in Eastern North Carolina, being a co-operative enterprise operated on the principle of the building and loan associations. Its liabilities amounted to about $100,000 and it is stated that its assets were for practically the same amount.

GLEE SINGERS TONIGHT

Concert Will be Given in Memorial Hall of St. Andrew's Church

A rare opportunity for the satisfaction of those who love music in its varied forms will be presented this evening when the Wilmington Symphony Glee Singers will appear in concert in the Memorial hall of St. Andrew's church at 8:30 o'clock under the auspices of the "Euphians." Their repertoire contains a varied selection and includes dramatic choruses, martial and patriotic airs, secular and humorous glees, part songs, National and folk songs.

Enough has been said in previous notices of their appearance this evening to assure the public of a delightful and interesting entertainment and aside from the great pleasure that will be derived from attending the concert, it will ben encouraging an organization which not only has reached a degree of perfection but promises greater things in the future.

A large crowd should greet this second appearance of the glee singers, thus lending their support to an undertaking that will redound to the good of our city.

The price of admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. Tickets on sale at Wilmington Grocery Company, C. W. Yates & Co. and Peterson & Ruffs or may be purchased at the hall this evening.

REPORT IS UNFAVORABLE.

Board Engineers Not Convinced of Need of Improving Town Creek.

Although the report of the district officer on the preliminary survey of Town Creek in Brunswick county was favorable for the improvement of the locality to the extent of recommending a channel 40 feet wide and five feet deep, at mean low water, from the channel in Cape Fear river to the plant of the Town Creek Lumber Company, at an estimated cost of $4,500 for construction and $500 annually for maintenance, the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at Washington is not convinced of the advisability of the United States undertaking any improvement at this locality at the present time.

The reasons given for the decision are that improvement made in the past have not resulted in any material increase in commerce; existing facilities are fairly adequate for present needs and it is believed that resulting benefits will not warrant the expenditures involved.

All persons interested are invited to submit within 30 days statements and arguments bearing upon the necessity for the improvement in the interests of commerce and navigation. They should be sent to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, Southern Building, Washington, D. C.

PROMPT WORK ON VESSEL.

Steamer Wilmington Quickly Overhauled By Marine Railway.

That Wilmington's greatest marine asset, the Wilmington Marine Railway, is prepared to take care of their work with promptness and dispatch is proven by the fact that the steamer Wilmington was hauled out, the bottom thoroughly cleaned and given two coats of paint, the guards recaulked and put into first class condition, shafting overhauled, stern bearing replaced with new lignum vitae filler, shoe and rudder encased in new brass fittings, adjusted properly and new speed propellor attached, all within two days time.

This work was done under the supervision of Manager Ryan and Superintendent Wilson, of the Machine department of the Wilmington Iron Works, assisted by Messrs. Hawkins, Ed Hall, Ed Paul, Will Register and Captain Smith. The vessel came off the ways yesterday morning and is now in her usual first class condition and ready for her summer excursions and regular business.

ONE CASE YESTERDAY

Recorder Harriss Had Another Dull Day in His Court.

Only one case came up before the Recorder at yesterday morning's session of the court. This was the case against H. J. Wilson, colored, charged with larceny. He submitted to receiving stolen goods, and was sentenced to three months on the county roads, the commissioners being granted the privilege of hiring him out. He was later released by the order of the board.

Debate at Hemenway Today.

The boys and girls of the eighth grade of the Hemenway school will have a debate at 11 o'clock this morning on the query: "Resolved, That the Federal government should own and operate all railroads." This is the same query that has been selected for the State-wide High School contest. All parents and friends are cordially invited to attend the debate today.

Ask our customers. Sales for Saturday, green or garden peas, 2 cans for 31c. Atkinson & Watters.—Adv.

YEAR'S WORK IN MOULTRIE

Extracts from Report of Chamber of Commerce Show Much Activity—Livestock Industry Prominent.

So much has been said about what Moultrie, Ga., is doing in the way of developing the livestock industry, it will be of interest in view of the fact that a Statewide livestock conference and exposition is to be held in Wilmington next week to give a brief resume of the report of the Chamber of Commerce for the past year. Following are some extracts from the report for the past year of the Secretary, Mr. John E. Howell:

"Assisted by the Southern Settlement and Development Organization of Baltimore, we promoted and held a livestock conference in June, to which we gathered a splendid exhibit of pure bred cattle and an attendance of 8,000 to 10,000 people per day for two days. This gave Moultrie the greatest nationwide advertising that she has ever had and gave a great impetus to the production of live stock throughout the entire South.

"Secured a special fund of $200 for two pages of advertising—one each for Moultrie and Colquitt County—in the book "Facts About Georgia." Said book is being distributed in an edition of 5,000 throughout the North and West and is a very meritorious presentation of the resources of our State.

"Secured a special fund of $160 with which to have 320 feet of specially-made film incorporated in the Georgia Motion Picture, which is being exploited in the motion picture show places of the North and West.

"In connection with the creamery movement, promoted and assisted in importing into the county 300 head of dairy cattle.

"In connection with the livestock conference, promoted and assisted in importing into the county 20 head of pure bred beef type bulls.

"Planned and put on foot a boys' pig club, through which many pure bred gilts have already been distributed and arrangements are complete whereby practically every worthy boy in the County may secure at his choice a pure bred gilt or pig.

"Assisted in promoting the building of 12 silos in the county and have perfected arrangements for 20 more for the coming year.

"Organized the Colquitt county livestock association in which many of the progressive farmers of the county are interested.

"Co-operated with the Colquitt county livestock association in holding a county livestock show which was very gratifying and beneficial in its results.

"Secured necessary funds and personally conducted a Moultrie and Colquitt county exhibit at the Southeastern Land Show, Atlanta, February 1-15, 1917."

MR. GEO. O. GAYLORD SELLS VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND

Dr. P. J. Klutz, of Maiden, Purchases Murrell Tract Near Malmo.

Mr. Geo. O. Gaylord, of Wilmington, has sold the valuable Murrell tract of land, containing about 800 acres, near Malmo, 11 miles northwest of this city, to Dr. P. J. Klutz, of Maiden. The deal was closed through Mr. Frank A. Harrington, real estate broker at Elizabethtown. Dr. Klutz has purchased the land for his sons and plans extensive developments for farming and stockraising. However, it is hardly probable that he will undertake its development before next year.

Dr. Klutz has prospected over a good portion of the South seeking a location for his sons and, coming from the rough hilly section of Piedmont, North Carolina, he was immediately impressed with the level, stoneless, fertile soil. The splendid outlook for a livestock market in Wilmington on account of the packing houses to be built here played an important part in influencing Dr. Klutz to make the purchase.

NEEDS OF STOREKEEPERS.

Some of Troubles And How To Stop Them Are To Be Shown.

Many large corporations throughout the country are preparing motion picture films to bring their products to the attention of the public. The National Cash Register Company, of Dayton, Ohio, is one of this number and through the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has arranged to exhibit a film in the Hemenway school on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Consisting of three reels, it is said to be perhaps the most elaborate production of its kind ever shown. Many expert motion picture artists, elaborate scenery and an expenditure of more than $30,000 were required in its production. It is shown to the public free of charge.

Accompanying the picture an expert lecturer explains the details of the story, making the evening one of real interest as well as one of instruction.

WILMINGTON MEN SPEAK.

At Commencement of Franklin School Wednesday.

Rev. J. S. Crowley and Maj. Joseph W. Little, both of this city, were the principal speakers at the closing exercises of the Franklin School on Wednesday. The exercises opened with the presentation of the operetta, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." The entire programme was carried out in a delightful manner and was largely attended by the people of the vicinity. Miss Vera Claire Maynard and Graham Hall were winners in the declamation contests. Mr. George F. Beatty is principal of the school.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds: P. F. B. Price and wife to A. C. Craft, Jr., for $100 and other considerations, lot on the north side of Meares streets, 112 feet west of Ninth; J. H. Sailing and wife to Ervin Bradley, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Sixth street, 132 feet north of Hanover; J. H. Sailing and wife to Geo. B. Applewhite, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the east side of Eighth street, 132 feet north of Hanover; Cora Mills Nagel, et al, to Nora E. Canady, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the east side of Eighth street, 265 feet north of Dawson.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. First application gives relief. 50c.

DEFENSE

In the trend which National affairs have taken, defense has become the watchword of our country.

Used in any sense, the word implies protection against loss.

A Savings Account in the People's Savings Bank provides a strong defense for the individual. It affords the best financial protection available in the face of the unexpected.

This Institution welcomes Savings Accounts.

OLD AND STRONG.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

COR. FRONT AND PRINCESS STS.

Will Writing Is A Lawyer's Business

Will Making is your business. Will ADMINISTERING, that is acting as executor and trustee to carry out the provisions of a will, is our business.

You know the importance of making a will NOW. We strongly advise that, without further delay, you instruct your attorney to write your will and appoint this Company to carry out its provisions.

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

110 Princess Street.

Resources over $3,000,000.00.

LITTLE DAMAGE TO TRUCK.

Cold Spell Has Not Harmed Growing Vegetation, According to Reports.

The low temperatures that have prevailed in this section since Sunday have not caused any damage to growing crops, according to reports from the truckers. In many sections of New Hanover fruit trees are blooming and it was feared that frost would kill these. Lettuce has also been planted in large quantities. Fortunately there has been a brisk wind at night which has prevented frost and while the cold will delay the growth, it is not thought that any damage of any consequence will result.

The bright sunshine during the day has been ideal for the growing vegetation but it is still too cold for it to do well. The rain that fell Wednesday in addition to stopping small forest fires that had done considerable damage in the eastern section of the county will also help the crops.

One fine lot given away free at Highwood Friday. mh20—4t

Renew health

of stomach, liver and kidneys with the celebrated Shivar Mineral Water. Positively guaranteed by money back offer. Tastes fine; costs a trifle. Delivered anywhere by our Wilmington Agents, Elvington's Pharmacy, Cor. 2nd and Princess Streets. Phone them

GOVERNMENT NEEDS HELP; GOOD JOBS NOW OPEN

Examinations For Numerous Positions Given Next Month.

The Civil Service Commission has announced another batch of desirable positions open to all American citizens who are qualified. They carry with them varying educational requirements and varying entrance salaries. Examinations will be held from time to time during the coming month. Full information may be secured concerning any of these examinations by applying to the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C.

Following is the list of positions open: Clerk qualified in modern languages, male only; senior land appraiser, male only; mechanician, qualified as instrument maker, male only; structural steel draftsman, male only; tent inspector, male only; skilled laborer, qualified as elevator machinists; assistant chemist, male only; architectural and structural steel draftsman, male only; architectural draftsman, male only; editorial clerk; inspector of shoes and leather, male only; assistant inspector of engineering material, male only; tent inspector, male only.

REPORT WAS ERRONEOUS

Private J. H. Potter, of Wilmington, Did Not Die on Mexican Border

Reports received in Wilmington yesterday that Private John H. Potter, a member of the North Carolina National Guard and a son of Mr. James S. Potter, of this city, had died at the military base hospital at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas, proved to be erroneous, according to a message received by his father last night.

A telegram was received from Lieutenant Williamson stating that the young soldier had been injured and was in the hospital and a later report was to the effect that he had died. Friends of the family will be glad to know that this was untrue and that the young man is understood to be getting along nicely.

Young Potter enlisted here shortly after the outbreak of the Mexican crisis last summer and was assigned to a company then at Camp Glenn.

Fresh lot of mullet roe, 95c per dozen. Atkinson & Watters.—Adv.

For Skin Irritation

There is one safe, dependable treatment that relieves itching torture and skin irritation almost instantly and that cleanses and soothes the skin.

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27x54 Velvet Rugs, $1.50 value @	98c

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The Epworth League of Grace Methodist church will meet this evening at 8 o'clock for its missionary meeting.

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There will be a business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian church tonight at 8 o'clock.

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Mrs. C. A. Fisher, of Norfolk, Va., accompanied by Miss India Myers, arrived in the city yesterday to visit Mrs. Fisher's brother, Mr. Robert Brady, Jr., who is seriously ill at the Tankersley Sanitarium.

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The class in signalling under the direction of Lieutenant Smith of the coast guard cutter Seminole, will meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock at No. 118 South Fourth street.

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Clinton News Dispatch: "Mr. I. C. Wright, of Wilmington, was here last week on professional business. His wife and children accompanied him here and spent the week with their many friends in Clinton."

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The Epworth League of Bladen street Methodist church will hold its regular weekly meeting this evening at 8 o'clock. Part of the interesting programme, which is to be rendered in the form of a missionary tableau, will represent various nations by their respective costumes. An enjoyable evening is anticipated and everybody is cordially invited to attend.

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ANNOUNCEMENT CARDS FOR THE ROSE-CLINE MARRIAGE

Handsomely engraved announcement cards have been received by friends in the city reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. William Pinckney Cline announce the marriage of their daughter Della Nesbitt to Mr. Frederick Griffis Rose, on Wednesday the twenty-first of March, nineteen hundred and seventeen, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Enclosed are cards reading: Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Griffis Rose. Will be at home after the first of April, 1813 Princess street, Wilmington, North Carolina.

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SECRETARY CROSBY TO MAKE ADDRESS AT MASONBORO TONIGHT

Mr. W. C. Crosby, secretary of the State Community Service work, who will arrive in Wilmington today from Raleigh, will make the principal address tonight at the regular meeting of the Community Service League at Masonboro. The meeting as usual will be held in the school house. Prof. Washington Catlett, county superintendent of public instruction, and others from this city will attend the meeting.

An interesting programme has been prepared for the occasion and a large attendance is expected. The usual reports of committees will be made.

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SEAGATE MOTHERS' CLUB HAD VERY HELPFUL MEETING

Inspiring addresses featured the regular monthly meeting of the Mothers' club of the Seagate school, which was held at the school house yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. There was quite a large attendance and very enjoyable feature was the singing of patriotic songs by the children. Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Boar dof ducation, and Prof. Washington Catlett, superintendent of public instruction, attended the meeting and made short addresses, emphasizing the importance of community interest.

Rev. J. Herbert Miller, pastor of the Winter Park and Seagate Methodist church, made a helpful address in which he showed the importance of training children in the way they should live. Others present spoke briefly.

The teachers in this school are Misses Annie W. Herring, Bettie Downing and Gladys Bernard. That they are doing most excellent work has been shown not only in the very creditable work that the students are doing but also by the increased attendance. The school now has an enrollment of 92 as compared with 78 for last year and an average attendance of 78 as compared with 69 for the last session.

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INTERESTING PROGRAMME FOR "SONGS OF THE SIXTIES"

The costumes to be worn during the rendition of the "Songs of the Sixties," to be given next Monday night in the Chadbourn building of the Winter Park Presbyterian Church, will be of much interest.

The dress to be worn by little Mary Eunice Wells is copied from the picture of a dress worn by the little daughter of Mrs. Rose Greenhow, the famous Confederate spy. Miss May Sinclair's homespun dress will speak for itself. The dress to be worn by Miss Laura Howell, belonged to a Moravian girl in old Salem, more than 50 years ago.

The costumes in which Mrs. Woody and Miss Bowen appear, were worn during the Sixties by a young matron of Wilmington, whose sweet voice often rendered the songs these old dresses will hear again.

There will be no admission fee to the entertainment; but the Woman's Society of the Church will be very grateful for a liberal offering for the cause of home missions.

The following programme will be rendered:

Reveille.

Cornet solo—"My Old Kentucky Home," Mr. A. R. Viner.

Song—"Dixie," the audience.

Song—"Old Black Joe," Miss Mary Eunice Wells, Master Jack Barden, accompanied by Mrs. J. N. Wells.

Recitation—"I am a Southern Girl," Miss May Sinclair.

Solo—"Lorena," Miss Laura Howell.

Song—"Bonnie Blue Flag," the audience.

Silhouettes of some "Songs of the Sixties," Rev. A. J. Howell.

Solo—"Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," Mrs. Elsie Calder Woody, accompanied by Miss Page.

Solo—"Kathleen Mavourneen," Miss Carrie Bowen.

The Song I Heard at Bermuda Hundred, Mr. W. A. Jones, Co. C, 209th Penna Vol., U. S. A.

The Southern Soldier of the Cross.

Song—"Carolina," the audience.

Mrs. Gordon Curtis, piano accompanist; Miss Annabel Campbell, violin accompanist; Mr. A. R. Viner, cornet accompanist.

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PRIVATE RECITAL BY MISS HARRIS DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

The Charlotte Observer yesterday had the following regarding the private recital given in that city by Miss Anna Graham Harris, of Wilmington:

"Mr. and Mrs. David Ovens threw open their handsome new home in Myers Park for the first time Wednesday evening when they presented Miss Anna Graham Harris, of Wilmington, formerly of New York, a brilliant young contralto, in private recital.

"The musical room was set with potted ferns and arranged with a profusion of pink roses, hyacinths and tulips.

"Miss Harris is a gifted artist and possesses a contralto voice of much depth and range, rich and resonant, with fine enunciation. She charmed her hearers with her varied and carefully selected programme. Miss Gertrude Elizabeth McRae, of the music faculty at Queens College, was a brilliant and sympathetic accompanist.

"Miss Harris opened her programme with 'Lungi Dal Caro Bene,' Secchi, and from the first completely won her audience. 'O don Fatale,' Don Carlo, was rendered in brilliant fashion.

"'Farewell Ye Hills,' 'Jeanne d'Arc,' was received with enthusiastic applause and Miss Harris gave an encore, 'The Owl.' 'Deep in My Heart a Lute Lay Hid,' by Aylward, was rendered with great beauty and pathos. 'The Danza,' by Chadwick, proved a delightful contrast.

"The programme was as follows:

1. (a) Lungi dal caro bene.....Secchi
   (b) O don Fatale—(Don Carlo).. ..... Verdi
2. (a) L'Esclave ..... Lalo
   (b) L'Heure de Pourpe .... Holmes
   (c) Vous dansez, Marquise..... ..... Lemarie
3. (a) Farewell Ye Hills (Jeanne d'Arc)..... Tschaikowsky
4. (a) Im Kahne.....Grier
   (b) Sapphische Ode .....Brahms
   (c) Der Schmied .....
5. (a) Invocation to Eros Kursteiner
   (b) Passing By .....Purcell
   (c) Deep in My Heart a Lute Lay Hid ..... Aylward
   (d) The Danza .....Chadwick
   (e) Toccata ..... Widor
   (f) Valse Caprice ..... Spross

"Turkish March, Beethoven, rendered on two pianos by Miss Elizabeth McRae and Miss Elsie Stokes, members of the music faculty of Queens College, and brilliant artists, concluded the evening's programme.

"Misses Harris, McRae and Stokes each received bouquets of pink Killarney roses.

"A beautiful reception followed, and the guests had the pleasure of meeting Miss Harris, who was charming in a gown of pale green tulle over silver cloth.

"The dining room was arranged with quantities of yellow jonquils. The table was covered with handsome lace, and in the center was a basket of jonquils and ferns. Ices, cakes and salted nuts were served. Mrs. Ovens was assisted in receiving by Misses McRae, Stokes and Moseley. Mrs. J. Arthur Taylor and Mrs. Cameron Morrison presided at the punch bowl, which was festooned with pink blossoms and purple hyacinths.

"Miss Harris was accompanied to the city by her father, Mr. J. F. Harris."

MR. TAFT SAYS NATION SHOULD JOIN ALLIES IN INTEREST OF HUMANITY

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of nations to be formed after the close of the present war for the purpose of maintaining the future peace of the world, so far as that is humanly possible. This, it is believed, can be accomplished by forming a league, or alliance, or whatever one chooses to call it, embracing at the outset all, or at least most, of the great powers pledged to do these things Send delegates to an international conference which shall meet from time to time to formulate and codify international law; establish an international court to which nations may submit any issues that may arise between them if these can be tried according to the rules of law or equity; establish a council of conciliation to endeavor to compose differences that cannot be so tried; bind themselves to use their combined economic and military forces against any member of the league or alliance that begins war upon another member without first submitting, or offering in good faith to submit, the issue to court or council.

The proposed league will not attempt to enforce the decrees of court or council, nor will it attempt to compel any member to submit a grievance to either. It proposes to do just one thing and that is to use force immediately upon any member that goes to war without first trying the means provided for settling grievances amicably. It will take a year, perhaps two, to get a decision in the court or council and this is believed to be ample time to enable the people of the nations involved to reach a clear understanding of what is involved and to decide whether or not the matter is worth fighting about. If either party is dissatisfied with a decision of the court or recommendation of the council it will then be free to go to war without any interference from the other members of the league. This may not prevent all wars hereafter but it certainly will prevent most of them, Mr. Taft thinks.

One of the first blessings anticipated from the formation of the proposed league of nations will be the reduction of armaments—a burden that before the present war began had become almost intolerable.

It should be borne in mind that the League does not seek to end the present war. It believes that adequate preparation for National defense is essential to the success of its programme. Its executive committee by unanimous vote has assured the National government of its support in the present international crisis.

PLEDGE THEIR LOYALTY TO A COMMON COUNTRY

American Citizens of German Descent Adopt Strong Resolutions

Important Meeting Held at Germania Club Rooms Last Night—Its Purpose to Preserve Peace and Harmony in Community.

Resolutions of loyalty to the United States were unanimously adopted at a meeting of 75 American citizens of German birth and descent in the Germania club rooms in Wilmington last night. The meeting was called for the purpose of pledging undivided support of those present to America in any crisis that may develop and to take such other steps as might be necessary to reassure those who may have been influenced to any degree by rumors that have gained currency in some quarters.

A committee was appointed to cooperate with any other committee of citizens that may have been appointed or may be appointed to investigate every rumor threatening the safety of this community or the Nation at large.

The resolutions adopted were signed by a committee of prominent and representative citizens of Wilmington, whose influence has ever been for the upbuilding of this city. The resolutions are as follows:

"Whereas, There has come and has been called to our attention various wild rumors of irresponsible origin tending to inflame public opinion and to discredit some of our loyal citizens and

"Whereas, These rumors, in case our community is involved in war, are liable to increase and multiply and can only serve to stir up rancor and bitterness and wild passion, endangering the internal peace and good will which have always existed among us as citizens and

"Whereas, it has been suggested by prominent men who have the welfare of the community at heart that a declaration of loyalty to our country and flag in the present crisis coming from us would help to strengthen the confidence and good will in which we live today and hope to continue to live, therefore, be it resolved

"First, That we, citizens of the United States of America, herewith solemnly affirm our unwavering loyalty to our country and flag.

"Second, That we appoint a committee of our number to co-operate with any other committee of citizens to trace and to investigate every rumor threatening the safety of our community, citizens and the country at large.

"Third, That we call upon all good citizens to assist us by calm judgment, deliberate speech and discriminating action to maintain the internal peace and good will so that we may present a solid front to any and every enemy that may threaten our community and country.

"J. C. L. GIESCHEN,
"F. B. CLAUSEN,
"H. E. BONITZ,
"C. W. POLVOGT
"H. L. VOLLERS,
"J. W. H. FUCHS,
"HENRY HEYER."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—Mr. E. T. Marshburne, of Dixon, N. C., who has been visiting friends and relatives in this city, will leave for Burgaw today.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were Howard Goodman, Dixon; C. W. Adicks, Charlotte; W. H Seburn, Greensboro; Edwin Earle, Jr., Salisbury; A. S. Cooper, Raleigh; J. M. Camp, Wallace; J. C. Cabaness, Goldsboro.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were P. R. Capelle, Rocky Mount; Sam Houston, Charlotte; A. S. Cooper, Raleigh; T. C. Hall, Kerr; R. G. Chatty, Asheville; C. H. Hunter, Windsor.

GREAT CROWD PLEDGES SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT

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government, the President and the Congress, on whom weigh the terrible burdens of decision and action in the issue of peace or war and in the terrible pursuit of that freedom which can be maintained, it seems now, only by war. In this government by the people, it must be the people themselves who act through the President and the Congress.

"We did not think a few years ago that the reign of law had come into the world; we did think that the rules of law that all civilized nations had agreed to be bound by were a protection to the weak; we did think that the faith of treaties was a protection, but we have had a sad awakening. Neither the rules or law nor the teachings of civilization, nor the requirements of religion, stand in the way of those powers that are now seeking in the world, with fire and sword, what they call the liberty of national evolution, the liberty to send their increasing population out and seize the territory and subjugate the inhabitants of other lands.

"No more the protection of treaty or of law girds the people of America round about."

When Mr. Root asserted that a peaceable meeting, such as the one tonight, was possible only because this country was protected by the armies and navies of the entente allies, a young man in the audience shouted that the speaker's utterance was an untruth. Instantly there was an uproar and the disturber was rushed out of the garden. Several others who tried to interrupt the meeting also were put out.

GERMANY MAY BE TRYING TO FORCE PEACE ON FRANCE

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guns and do not show the same disposition to avoid battle.

"The lack of reports of prisoners taken or of the capture of material is not surprising in view of the fact that our advanced troops are too busy with more important operations to send back detailed reports covering anything except the most vital movements."

A new type of electric fan blade, it is claimed, eliminates to a great extent the whirring sound when the fan is operated at high speed.

IMPOSING EXERCISES HELD

Grand Master Claude L. Pridgen Orator at Installation of Officers of the Knights Templar.

With the imposing and impressive ceremonies of this ancient order, the newly elected officers of Plantagenet Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar, were installed in their asylum in the Masonic Temple last evening in the presence of a large audience of Sir Knights, Master Masons and their lady friends, wives and members of their families. Dr. Claude L. Pridgen, Grand Master of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, was the orator of the occasion and delivered an eloquent and inspiring address on the teachings and principles of the Knights Templar.

Sir Reuben H. Pickett, grand warder, was the installing officer and Sir Clement C. Brown, past commander, was marshal in charge of the exercises.

Interspersed in the evening's programme were several very delightful and enjoyable musical numbers. "Soldier, What of the Night" (Dix) was rendered by Mr. W. T. Murphy while a duet, "O Moment That I Bless" (Charles Dennee) by Mrs. M. H. Longfellow and Mr. Murphy was greatly enjoyed. The closing number on the musical programme was "Good Night, Good Night, Beloved" (Pinsuti) by Mrs. M. H. Longfellow, Mrs. Julian Taylor and Messrs. H. C. Gaddis and W. T. Murphy.

At the close of the exercises delicious refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour spent. The committee in charge of the arrangements for the occasion was composed of Messrs. J. Holmes Davis, William E. Perdew and John S. McEachern.

—Believing it to be a bomb, Mr. A. D. Cashwell, gun and locksmith, last night called the attention of Policeman M. C. Huggins to a cylindrical package which he says was left in his shop on Second street, between Market and Princess, about two weeks ago by a Wilmingtonian of German birth. He asked Mr. Cashwell to keep it for him awhile, but he has never returned for the curious device, the locksmith says. Policeman Huggins was unable to say what the "thing" is.

A new type of telephone does away with the receiver, the talking and listening apparatus both being fastened to the transmitter arm or stand and allowing telephonic communication without the necessity of holding a receiver to the ear.

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JESUS NOT A PACIFIST.

New Interpretation to Life of Christ Applied to Present Day.

That Jesus was not a pacifist is the gist of the following quotation from an article in the April American Magazine, entitled "My Silent Partner," which gives a new interpretation to the life of Christ as applied to modern problems:

"He went down to Jerusalem at the very beginning of his public work, and all the way along the road he heard the complaints of the peasants about the exactions and oppression of the priests. When he finally reached the city his temper was pretty well aroused. He strode into that temple and stood like a young giant among that noisy crowd of traffickers. He saw the poor come timidly forward and drive their bitter bargains with the priests; his blood boiled. He stooped down and picked up some bits of cord that lay at his feet, and while he watched he half unconsciously braided them into a whip.

"Then, suddenly, he strode forward into that wrangling crowd of petty thieves, and began hurling their counters to the floor. One after the other, he flung their tables and chairs before him; he opened the cages where the doves were kept; he turned their oxen loose upon them. The thieves dropped back, amazed; the crowd, quick to sense the situation, flung themselves eagerly at his back. And so, his eyes flashing fire, his little whip rising and falling across the backs of the skulking crew before him, he drove them forward, through the court, under the gates, out in the city streets. Single-handed, unknown, without reputation or authority, he had attacked the stronghold of special privilege, and won. The temple had been swept clean."

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THEATRICAL

Today the Bijou presents two of the biggest features of the week. The topliner, of course, is the ninth great chapter of that startlingly realistic and thrilling Pathe super-serial, "Pearl of the Army," starring the fascinating screen girl, Pearl White, in the title role, a role that fits her as a glove and allows some wonderful opportunities for the best acting of which she is capable.

This is an episode with some highly dramatic scenes. Pearl and Adams escape from their prison on board the schooner belonging to the Silent Menace; Adams by a boat tied to the stern, and Pearl by hiding in a box containing some deadly bombs to be sent to the Aines building, where the Silent Menace is to confer with munition manufacturers. When the box is opened, Pearl faces them and threatens to blow them all to pieces if they move. Holding them at bay, she waits for Colonel Dare to come in answer to the message sent with Adams. The Silent Menace, realizing that he must act and act quickly, suddenly fires at Pearl's hand holding the bomb. It drops and—

The greatest two-reel L-Ko Komedy scream of the year, "Fatty's Feature Fillum," takes up the trials and tribulations inside the motion picture studio, and is one continual scream from beginning to end, featuring Fatty Voss in the leading role.

Marguerite Clark at Grand

Marguerite Clark, the daintiest bit of femininity that ever smiled upon an enraptured audience of admirers from a photoplay screen, comes in all the glory of her fifty-nine inches of charm and fascination to the Grand today in one of the very greatest photoplay delineations she ever contributed to the silent drama, that bewitching drama, "Wildflower," featuring the magnetic little star in a drama of the lights and shadows of the sun-kissed forest and the depths and the shallows of human life, a delightful tale of sweet innocence and eternal youth.

In this beautiful woodland drama by Mary Germaine, Marguerite Clark portrays the character of the dainty and bewitching little forest flower, whose real name is Letty. A pretty and unsophisticated child of Nature, she dreamt and frolicked her time away on a little farm at the edge of the woods, far from the city. Co-starring in this delightful Paramount production is that sterling headliner, Harold Lockwood, in the male lead, also Jack Pickford and James Cooley, one of the greatest all-star casts ever seen in a single production.

The latest two-reel chapter of "The Great Secret," starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, which is getting better and bigger every week, will be the great added attraction on today's great double bill. Regular hours will be maintained, the show starting exactly on the minute.

Marguerita Fischer Tomorrow

Beautiful and alluring Marguerita Fischer comes to the Grand tomorrow in her first great super-feature, "The Pearl of Paradise," a marvelously beautiful five-reel production in which she distinguishes herself in admirable style.

"The Pearl of Paradise" is distinguished by an unusual artisty in the selection of exteriors, making it a production that is scenically beautiful, chosen with exceptional taste and appreciation of the beautiful, appealing powerfully to the imagination and general fine sense of appropriateness in the settings and costumes.

Through these beautiful woodland scenes, Miss Fischer flits here and there, the embodiment of youth, grace and beauty. She is in constant activity throughout the whole production, swimming, shooting, struggling in the hands of villains, exhibiting an abundance of physical strength in every moment. As a true daughter of Nature, Yulita, she disports herself about the wild caves and along the silvery sands of the seacoast in nature's own garb, completely innocent.

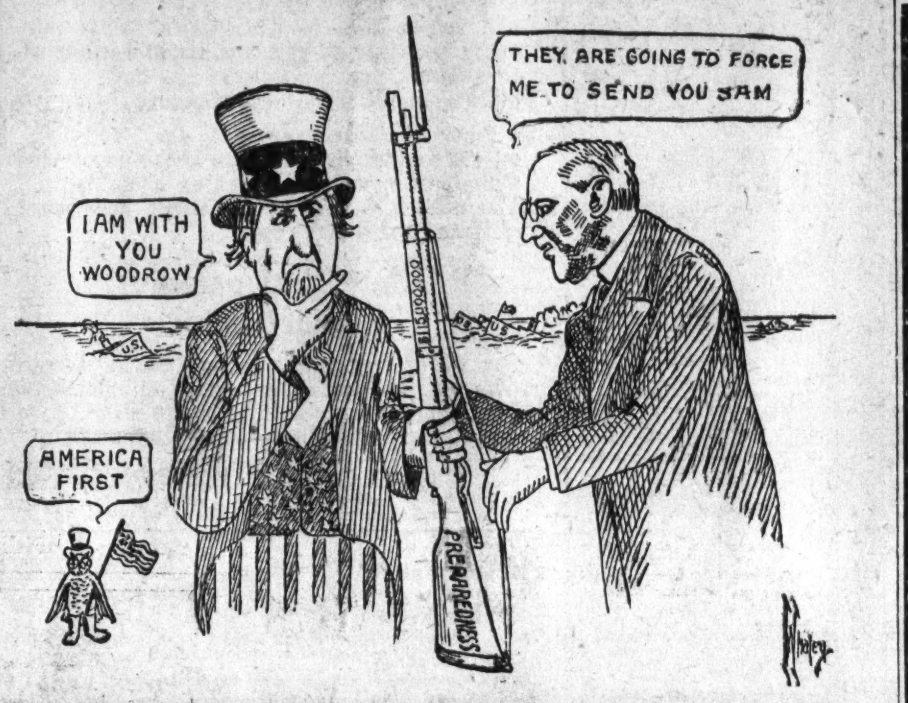
It is a production that no one can afford to miss.

Mrs. Tempy Anderson Dead

Mount Olive, N. C., March 21.—Mrs. Temp Anderson, a very aged lady residing here, died Tuesday, following a few days' illness with pneumonia. Several children and other near relatives survive. Remains were taken to the family burying ground, in Duplin county, today for interment.

Large lots and 5 acre tract at Highwood Friday. mh20—4t

MARGUERITE CLARK
Starring at the Grand today in The Paramount-Frohman Production of "Wildflower," one of her Greatest Screen Characterizations.



COMMENCEMENT AT TABOR

President of University of South Carolina to Preach Sermon—Literary Address by Dr. LaPrade.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Tabor, N. C., March 22.—The Tabor Graded School commencement is to be the biggest event that has taken place in the history of the school. The authorities have secured two of the foremost educators of the South to appear on the programme and the local events promise to be of the best order.

Beginning Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock, April 5th, the gymnasium team will give an exhibition, consisting of bar work, horse work, mat work, rolls, kips, handsprings, dives, clear lights, pyramids, medicine ball and games. The team is composed of fifteen men, well trained and in position to give an excellent line of stunts.

On Friday morning the entire school will go to Whiteville, N. C., to attend the couty commencement.

Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock the final Music Concert of the pupils of Miss Lorena Newton will be held, at which time two medals will be awarded to the two best played or rendered pieces. Miss Newton is a graduate of the Southern Conservatory of Music, Durham, and is a teacher of splendid ability.

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, in the school auditorium, Dr. William Spencer Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, will preach the annual sermon. Dr. Currell needs no comment. He is a magnetic speaker.

Monday evening and the concluding part of the commencement, 8:30 o'clock, Dr. W. T. LaPrade, of the department of History of Trinity College, Durham, will deliver the literary address before the graduating class, which consists of nine this year. Dr. LaPrade is considered one of the leading orators of the State, and the authorities consider themselves fortunate in securing the services of the two men named in the foregoing.

Immediately after the lecture of Dr. LaPrade, the graduating exercises of the present senior class will take place, consisting of the following:

Chorus—"Moring Song," School.
Salutatory—Ada Graham, Vice-President.
Oration—Willie Wright.
Class Poem—Jessie Purvis.
Class History—Retha Ward.
The Prophetic Future—Eva Mills.
Class Statistics—Maud Wright.
Comic Selection—Edna White, Secretary.
Farewell to Seniors—Dewey Bell, Intermediate Class.
Valedictory—James McGougan, President.
Solo—"Song of the Soul," Miss Juanita Newton.
Delivery of Diplomas—Prof. W. J. Justus.
Chorus—"A Merry Life," School.

The marshals for the entire commencement exercises are: Dewey Bell, chief; Gaston Bruton, Henry Hickman, Dewey Anderson, Herbert Bruton, Alice Carmichael and Rosabelle Pridgen, all of the Floyd Literary Society.

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Then there's another source of attack you need protection against—typhoid fever. Homes with pure water, screened doors and windows, clean premises free from flies and anti-typhoid vaccination is the price you pay for protection against typhoid. The price against malaria is whatever it takes to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and from biting you after they have bitten people with malaria.

"Security against tuberculosis, bronchitis, grippe, colds and pneumonia is to be had mainly at the great price of preventing people from spitting in public places. It is to be had also by living on friendly terms with fresh air day and night, by avoiding overheated homes or offices, by creating a resistance to cold by a dairy cold water bath about the neck and shoulders and by proper living habits."

BILLY SUNDAY IS TAMED.

Buffalo Thinks Evangelist is Losing His Punch.

(Buffalo Special to the Philadelphia Record.)

Buffalo, far-famed as "the graveyard of evangelists and evangelism," has apparently tamed vice-flaying, devil-baiting, booze-battling Billy Sunday. At least, his pulpit language is less vitriolic, less scathing and more free of the slang which characterized the evangelist's earlier sermons in Buffalo.

None of the Sunday attributes to preaching have been laid aside, however. He still swings the kitchen chair, he still hoists himself as a gymnast on parallel bars and his voice bursts now and then with its accustomed blare and bellow. Usually, though, it sinks to the low inflection before used when speaking of his own life, his mother, his home; and into it has come the suggestion of a drawl and a musical enunciation, which has often been remarked.

Interest in the campaign has not waned, however, and nightly the big tabernacle is filled to overflowing. Afternoon audiences, small at first, have gradually swelled in numbers until they rival the evening. Evidently Buffalo likes Billy Sunday better without his slang. Collections are mounting fast, and the entire expense of the campaign will be cleared in a day or two. Rumors that Sunday is "losing his punch" are vehemently denied by members of his personal party. He seems as fit as he did five weeks ago when the campaign began.

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FEWER MARRIAGES IN WAR.

Births Also Decrease and Suicides Increase in Milan.

The official reports of the municipality of Milan for the year 1915, just published, show the effect of the war on a large city. The population of Milan at the end of 1915 was 670,000. As a result of the war, marriages for the year decreased from 4,500 to 2,500; births decreased from 34.8 to 18.2 per 1,000, and deaths increased from 9,900 to 10,800. Suicides increased 50 per cent to 138.

The city's consumption of food showed the effect of the war. Decrease in consumption of meat amounted to 5.8 kilos per person. Consumption of fresh fruit decreased 6.6 kilos, and alcoholic beverages 20.7 liters. The decrease of meat and fruit was made up for by an increase in the consumption of grain and vegetables of 2½ kilos per person.

Prices of foodstuffs in Milan increased during the first eight months of war by 20 per cent—a very moderate increase as compared with other Italian cities, Bologna, for example, showing an increase of 54 per cent for the same period.

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS

ORIOLES AND SENATORS CLASH THIS AFTERNOON

Big Leaguers Arrived From Augusta Early Today

Thormahlen, Lyon or Russell Will Twirl For Birds This Afternoon. Yannigans Took Two From Regs at Sunset.

The Washington American League baseball team arrived in the city early this morning and this afternoon at 3 o'clock will cross bats with the Baltimore Orioles in the first of a two-game series at Sunset Park. They are quartered at the Orton hotel.

The Senators broke camp at Augusta, Ga., yesterday afternoon, one squad coming to Wilmington, while the other headed by Clark Griffith left last night for Birmingham, Ala. The Senators are in top shape as a result of their training in the Georgia city while Dunn and his Birds feel equal to the task of giving the Nationals a warm reception.

Manager Dunn announced last night that the following would be the line-up of the Orioles for the game this afternoon: Lee, 3b; McConnell, 2b; Russell, 1b; Lamar, rf; Brown, lf; Fewster, ss; Shannon, cf; Schaufele or Williams, c; Thornmahlen, Lyons or O. V. Russell, p. The Senators' line-up has not been announced.

It is expected that a big crowd will turn out both this afternoon and tomorrow to witness the first games of the season. Alhough the Baltimore team is a bit shy of big league calibre they are close enough to make things interesting for the American Leaguers. The games will be called promptly at 3 o'clock.

Dunn's Birds got right down to real earnest work yesterday and indulged in two practice games at Sunset Park. The Yannigans took the Regulars into camp in the morning session to the tune of 5 to 3 and walloped them again in the afternoon to the tune of 6 to 1.

McAvoy, Williams, Russell and McConnell continued their heavy clouting at both sessions while Sherman and Fewster also shaped up well with the willow. Outfielder Shannon, who arrived yesterday, made his appearance on the field and handled himself nicely during the afternoon.

Practically all of the Oriole slabmen had an opportunity to display their wares yesterday morning but all took things easily and contented themselves with straight ball pitching for the most part without seeking to originate new curves.

The arrival of Shannon now leaves but three vacant chairs around the Bird table, Truesdale, Barber and Crowell being the absentees.

The Tidewater Power Company has announced that the rails on South Front street between Castle and Wright have been replaced so that no transfer will be necessary in making the trip to the ball park. Additional cars will be put on today and tomorrow to accommodate the crowds that desire to attend the games. Cars will pass Front and Princess at 2:05, 2:25 and 2:45 o'clock this afternoon.

DAVIDSON TO HAVE STRONG BASEBALL TEAM THIS SPRING

Davidson, N. C., March 22.—Looking forward to the approaching game of baseball with Catawba College on next Tuesday, all are eager to watch the progress of the men who are aspirants for positions on the nine that will represent the College in the approaching contest. The team loses this year the best catcher of the State, it is believed, when Alford failed to return last fall. Lawson and Hengeveld, the main stay in the box, are back at work and will show up well, while three other new men will be on the reverse force for this position. Three are out for catcher and the place will probably be filled by Keesler, the star quarter-back of the football eleven, who has had some experience in this work. The infield will be played by Saunders at 1st, Johnson at second, Wood at short and Black at third, while the outfield will be strong with the chosen three from the number out for these places. In all Davidson will have a strong team that will be able to cope with any team that it will have occasion to meet.

AMERICANS AND RED SOX PLAY FOR TITLE TONIGHT

Should The Red Sox Win, Post Season Series Will Be Necessary.

At 8:30 tonight, the Americans under the leadership of Louis Hanson, Jr., and the Red Sox, captained by Charles Rich, will meet to decide the winners of the Senior basket ball league.

The Americans won the first series and, according to Hanson and his teammates, they are going to do the same with this series. Rich is determined to prove that Hanson is wrong and to show them what the Red legs really can do when they set their mind to it. Both teams have much at stake and it should prove a mighty interesting game. If the Americans win they are the undisputed champions of the league, having the laurels of the first series already in their possession. In case the Red Sox down the Americans it makes them the winners of the second half and then calls for an extra series of games between these two teams again for the championship. Rich is determined to see this takes place as he feels sure that the superb team work of the Red Sox will carry them on top, while Hanson feels certain of taking this game tonight and thereby ending it all.

The lineup for the Americans will be: Myers, Little and Houston at forward, Hardee at center, Soloman, Gallagher and Hanson at guards.

The Red Sox will play, Rourk and Farmer at forward; Rich center, and Davis and Kelly guards.

This game starts promptly at 8:30. The public and especially the ladies are invited to attend. No admission charge.

ELEMENT OF UNCERTAINTY IN ABERG-M'DERMOTT MATCH

Tonight Will Prove Whether Lanky Ohioan is False Alarm.

Ed Aberg's persistent efforts to secure a match with Fritz Hanson have aroused considerable interest in the lanky Ohioan, who is more or less a man of mystery, and for this reason his bout with Scotty McDermott tonight will be attended with an element of uncertainty that would otherwise be lacking.

If the stranger is the finished matman he claims to be, he has certainly not showed it in any of the bouts he has engaged in since coming South. Both Con Albright and John Kilonis defeated him without any great trouble while Beell, the only man whom he has been able to down, is little more than an amateur and even at that Aberg showed no marked superiority.

Either Aberg has permitted himself to be beaten by Kilonis and Albright in order to dupe Hanson into thinking he has an easy victim, or he is wrestling Hanson for some other purpose than defeating him.

Many of the fans are inclined to believe that Aberg has much more ability than he has yet shown ,and will continue to hold it in reserve until he gets Hanson in the ring, and then turn loose a bag of tricks that the local man is not suspecting. If he downs McDermott tonight Hanson will be forced to take him on, but should Scotty be returned the winner, then it is taps for the Cleveland man's chances in Wilmington.

NEW BERN HORSE OWNERS PLANNING BIG SPRING MEET

New Bern, N. C., March 22.—Local owners of fast horses several weeks ago suggested that a big spring racing meet be held in this city and the idea met with the hearty approval of every one of those here and in nearby towns but up to the present time nothing definite has been done in regard to this matter. It is planned to have the races out at the East Carolina Fair Ground track and these will continue for several days. The exact date of the event, it is understood, is to be announced very shortly.

N. C. STATE COLLEGE DEFEATS WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN

Raleigh, N. C., March 22.—West Virginia Wesleyan College was defeated here today by the North Carolina State College by a score of 8 to 2. The Techs hit Scriver hard at opportune times. Baker, a freshman, pitched a great game for the State College, this being his first attempt in collegiate circles. He struck out ten men and only allowed three hits. Summary:

	R	H	E
State College	8	11	2
W. Va. Wesleyan	2	3	1

Umpire, Gooch.

Aiken Polo Team Defeated.

Aiken, S. C., March 22.—The Cooperstow polo team defeated the Aiken team here today in the second round of the play for the Southern Circuit Cup by the the score of ten to five. Shaw, of Cooperstown, made six goals.

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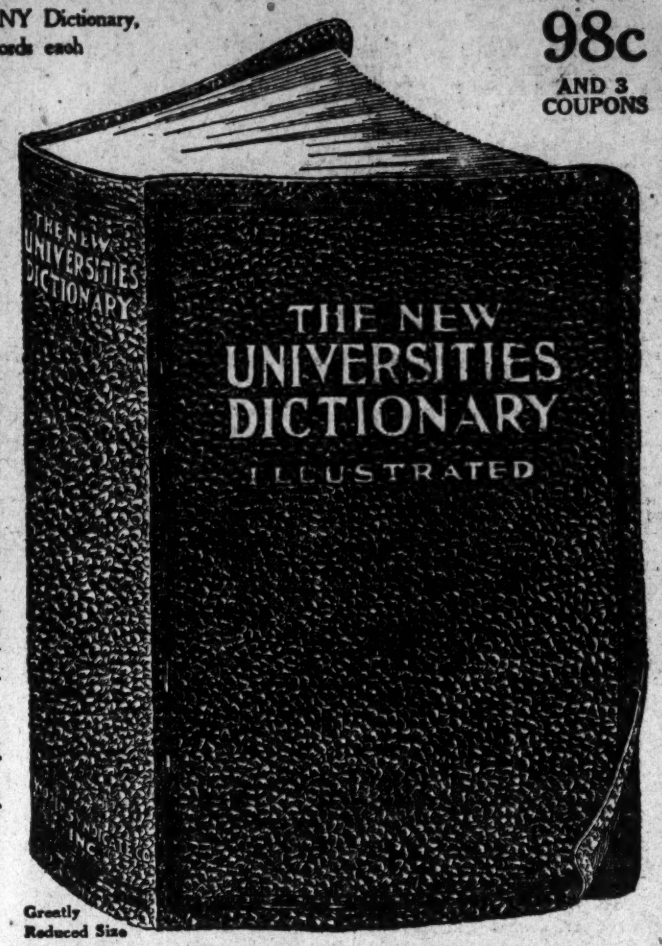

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THE COST OF BABIES

About 15,000 Mothers a Year Sacrificed in United States.

(Indianapolis News).

It costs the United States about 15,000 mothers a year for its babies, according to statistics prepared and made public by the children's bureau of the Federal Department of Labor.

"More women between the ages of 15 and 45 die in the United States from conditions incident to maternity than from any other cause except tuberculosis," says the report. "And since 1900, while the death rate from tuberculosis, typhoid, diphtheria and croup and certain other preventable diseases has been greatly reduced, the available figures for the death registration area show no decrease in the proportion of mothers whose lives are sacrifices yearly to ignorance and improper care in childbirth."

This is a high price, and all the higher because in fully half the cases it is unnecessary. There has grown up a feeling among a large class of persons who are otherwise fairly intelligent that the hazards incident to maternity are inevitable, but the mother takes a soldier's chance, it is true, but the chance is largely not with the processes of nature, but with the character of the attention which she receives. In many cases she goes to certain death not knowing that modern medical science has discovered many ways of relief.

One of the most powerful enemies of the expectant mother is the well-meaning but incompetent neighbor woman. She and the spurious nurse, with no training and little experience, and the few survivors of the old rough-and-ready school of physicians are to blame for this preventable loss of mothers. The mother who surrenders her life unnecessarily surrenders it not to ignorance, however, as much as to the lethargy of the communities which fail not only to provide care of mothers, but even to attempt it. The children's bureau reports no decrease in the number of these deaths, but the general trend of modern social reforms is surely toward a new attitude which will demand a decrease, and this is encouraging.

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BASE BALL.

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THANKS TO SANITATION THE BOYS WILL RETURN

Few Deaths from Preventable Diseases Along Border.

Everybody has a welcome home for the boys from the border. While some faces will be missing, says the State Board of Health, there is one big fact to be grateful for and that is that almost all of the boys are returning on account of the saving grace of modern sanitation. These figures published in the University News Letter illustrate to what extent modern sanitation has been effective in keeping down diseases and preventing deaths among the border troops:

"In 8 months of 1898 there were 20,926 cases of typhoid with 2,198 deaths among a total of 147,795 regular and volunteer troops; in five and a half months of 1916 there were only 24 cases of typhoid with no deaths among a total of 170,000 regular and volunteer troops. Among the regulars not a single man that had been vaccinated against typhoid within the past three years developed this disease. Among the volunteers, however, there were 14 cases among men who had been or were supposed to have been so vaccinated. In 1916 there were 8 deaths from dysentery as compared with several hundred in 1898."

While perhaps compulsory vaccination was largely responsible for the little typhoid fever, says the Board, there were other sanitary measures enforced that prevented diseases. Mosquito netting used at night kept off malaria and yellow fever; shower baths and washtubs with plenty of soap and water coupled with the strictest kind of orders kept off typhus fever and skin diseases; the prevention of breeding places for flies and the use of filtered water together with the burning or burial of all excreta greatly reduced from sickness typhoid and dysentery.

FAMOUS ROSE BUSHES

One in Germany Traced Back to Eleventh Century.

(Washington Star).

It is thought that the oldest rose bush in the world is that on the cathedral wall at Hildesheim, Germany. Its history may be traced, it is said, with certainty to the eleventh century, when, the records of the cathedral show, it was an item of expense to the caretakers of the ancient edifice.

The main trunk of the bush is 20 inches in diameter and the branches spread over the wall to a height of 25 feet.

Though the Hildesheim rose bush is the oldest, it is not the largest. To Germany also pertains this distinction. The bush in the Wehrle gardens, in Freeburg, attains a height of 115 feet. The stock is wild rose, and the graft, made some 30 years ago, a tearose of the Chromatella variety.

There is an enormous Banksia rose at the castle of Chillon, on Lake Ganeva, that is better known to tourists than either of these, though as a matter of fact it is ex ceeded in size by the one of the same variety in the Marine gardens of Toulon.

This spreads over a space of 80 feet wide and 15 feet high, and has as many as 50,000 of its flowers in bloom at once.

Braves Defeat Athletics.

Miami, Fla., March 21.—The Boston Nationals easily defeated the Philadelphia Americans in the first of a three-game exhibition series here today, 9 to 4. Each team used three pitchers.

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HANK AND PETE

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By KEN KLING

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YES, WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY THERE ARE IN THAT DEN, AND IN ORDER TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, WE'LL NEED EVERY MAN ON OUR FORCE TO JOIN IN THE RAID, 'CAUSE THOSE CROOKS WILL PUT UP AN AWFUL FIGHT BEFORE THEY ARE CAPTURED, AND WE MUST BE PREPARED !!
WELL, I'M SORRY CAP, BUT I WONT BE ABLE TO GO !!
YOUNG FELLER, IT IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER YOU CAN GO OR NOT, I WANT EVERY MAN TO BE ON HAND AT THAT TIME AN' THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS! D'Y'GET ME?
BUT CAPTAIN, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE HERE AT ELEVEN OCLOCK !!
HOW IS THAT?
BECAUSE I GO TO BED AT TEN-THIRTY EVERY NIGHT !!
AW, THAT GUY HAS NO SENSE OF HUMOR!
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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON UNDERGOES DECLINE

Reactionary Sentiment Much in Evidence in Nervous and Unsettled Market—Lose 15 to 26 Points.

New York, March 22.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled today with reactionary sentiment much in evidence, and with prices breaking sharply in the late trading. May sold off to 18.59, or 27 points under last night, closing at 18.61, while the general list closed steady at a net decline of 15 to 26 points.

The market opened at a decline of 15 points on March, but generally 20 to 6 points higher. Prices soon weakened under realizing and local selling for a reaction, and before the end of the first hour showed net losses of about 10 to 12 points. The lis tthen steadied on the weather forecasts and a more optimistic view of peace prospects. The recovery carried prices about 3 to 9 points net higher, May selling up to 18.95 and October 18.36 following rumors from Washington that a neutral would soon make an offer of mediation between the United States and Germany. Offerings increased at the advance, and the market later was weak and unsettled under liquidation and local pressure. Prices reached the low level of the day in the late trading with July selling at 18.44 and October at 18.02. The close was a few points up from the lowest on covering.

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	18.75	18.95	18.59	18.61
July	18.80	18.85	18.44	18.49
Oct.	18.35	18.36	18.02	18.04
Dec.	18.40	18.42	18.15	18.11
Jan.	18.43	18.43	18.15	18.13

Spot cotton steady; middling 19.05.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 18.63; receipts 2,985; sales 2,332; stock 423,735.

Galveston—Middling 18.85; receipts 5,840; sales 650; stock 272,421.

Mobile—Middling 18.75; receipts 70; stock 7,146.

Savannah—Middling 19.13; receipts 401; sales 1,102; stock 147,446.

Charleston—Middling 19.00; receipts 400; stock 38,455.

Wilmington—Receipts 29; stock 52,564.

Norfolk—Middling 19.00; receipts 1,806; sales 471; stock 105,649.

Baltimore—Stock 19,005.

Boston—Middling 19.30; receipts 80; stock 12,000.

Philadelphia—Middling 19.30; receipts 135; stock 2,747.

New York—Middling 19.05; exports 6,754; stock 134,125.

Minor Ports—Receipts 2,000; exports 2,100; stock 34,504.

Total today—Receipts 13,746; exports 8,854; stock 1,249,797.

Total for week—Receipts 78,274; exports 58,289.

Total for season—Receipts 6,124,592; exports 4,252,860.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 18.60; receipts 2,020; shipments 3,187; sales 1,979; stock 131,099.

Memphis—Middling 18.75; receipts 2,454; shipments 2,630; sales 1,550; stock 351,958.

Augusta—Middling 19.25; receipts 139; shipments 1,722; sales 3,372; stock 110,114.

St. Louis—Receipts 2,079; shipments 2,189; stock 37,987.

Cincinnati—Receipts 318; shipments 70; stock 22,196.

Little Rock—Middling 18.38; receipts 474; shipments 420; sales 420; stock 36,454.

Dallas—Middling 18.20; sales 1,269.

Montgomery—Middling 19.25.

Total today—Receipts 7,484; shipments 10,118; stock 689,808.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New Orleans, March 22.—Although there were periods of steadiness, the cotton market today developed considerable selling pressure, and toward the close, the prices gave way under it, standing at their lowest at a net loss of 28 to 30 points. Last prices were steady, 25 to 29 down net. The downward trend was much in the nature of a reaction from the prolonged rise, but there was some short selling.

In the afternoon sentiment was rather pessimistic on rumors that Germany planned to declare war on this country within 48 hours. Little attention was paid to the report that an offer of mediation between this country and Germany was to be made.

The opening was at the decline on poor cables and prices lost 7 to 14 points in the early trading. This initial decline was followed by an upward movement which carried prices 2 to 7 points over yesterday's final quotations, but the market did not hold the rise very long. New low levels for the day were reached in the early afternoon.

Closing bid: May 18.12; July 18.04; October 17.58; December 17.66; January 17.73.

Spot cotton firm and unchanged; sales on the spot 1,757 bales; to arrive 575 bales; middling 18.63.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, March 22.—Spot cotton steady; good middling 12.66; middling 12.46; low middling 12.28. Sales 6,000 bales; 500 for speculation and export; no receipts.

Futures—Steady. March 12.12; March and April 12.02; April and May 11.96; May and June 11.91; June and July 11.84; July and August 11.76; August and September 11.60; September and October 11.45; October and November 11.34; November and December 11.25; December and January 11.23; January and February 11.20; February and March 11.19; March and April 11.18.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, March 22.—After starting lower, cotton seed oil advanced sharply on the strength in lard and kindred products, but reacted slightly near the close under realizing by longs. May opened at 13.60, sold up to 13.78; and closed 13.74 to 13.75. Total sales 20,000 barrels. Tenders 1,000 barrels.

Final prices were 1 to 10 points net higher. Prime crude 12.00; prime summer yellow spot 13.60; march 13.76; April 13.69; May 13.74; June 13.71; July 13.70; August 13.67; September 13.68; October 13.26.

No, we haven't had the Highwood sale; that takes place Friday.

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PRICES OF WHEAT BOOSTED

Prices Go Upward on Assertions That Large Fleet of Foreign Merchantmen is on Way to America.

Chicago, March 22.—Assertions that a large fleet of merchant steamships from Holland and elsewhere was on the way to the American seaboard helped today to lift wheat prices. The close was strong, 1 to 2⅜c net higher with May at 1.86¼ to 1.86½, and July at 1.57⅜ to 1.57⅝. Corn gained ⅞ to 1⅛; oats ½ to ¾, and provisions 15 to 20c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.86¼; July 1.57⅜.

Corn—May 1.12¼; July 1.10¼.

Oats—May 58⅜; July 56⅜.

Pork—May 34.30; July 32.45.

Lard—May 19.72; July 19.75.

Ribs—May 18.02; July 18.12.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red 1.91½; No. 2 hard 1.95¼; No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 1.14½ to 1.15; No. 3 yellow 1.12½ to 1.14½; No. 4 yellow 1.10¾ to 1.13.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,283 tons, Holtasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,372 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, March 22.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—42c.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—$2.90-13c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$3.50, $3.50, $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 50½c; rosin, nominal; tar, $2.00-9c.; crude turpentine, $3.80, $3.80 and $2.80.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine ..... (—)

Rosin ..... (—)

Tar ..... (—)

Crude Turpentine 34

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 12 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal; same day last year, 11⅝c.

Receipts—29 bales, same day last year 491 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 79,084 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 153,404 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

March 22, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—20 bales cotton; 34 barrels tar.

Total—29 bales cotton; 34 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, March 22.)

SWEET POTATOES — Yams, 75c. to 85c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 to $2.25 per bu.

CORN—$1.20 to $1.22½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—10c to 12c per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 35c; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c to 17c per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 20c. on foot; dressed, 25c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—20c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, March 22.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.40; No. 1, machine, $1.35 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 88c; fancy hand picked, 80c; No. 1 machine picked, 75c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.40; Jumbos, $1.35 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., March 22.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market firm, $1.75 per bushel.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo, 5¼ to 5½c lb. Extra Prime, 5c to 5¼c per lb. Prime 4¾c to 5c per lb.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 22.—Hogs, weak, 10c to 15c under yesterday's average; bulk 14.85 to 15.05; light 14.20 to 14.95; mixrough 14.45 to 14.60; pigs 10.50 to 14.00.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle 9.20 to 12.65; stockers and feeders 6.75 to 9.85; cows and heifers 5.60 to 10.70; calves 10.50 to 15.25.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 11.20 to 12.60; ewes 9.00 to 12.35; lambs 12.75 to 15.35.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, March 22.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71½; commercial 60 day bills 4.71¼; demand 4.75 9-16; cables 4.76 7-16. Bar silver 72¼; Mexican dollars 55½. Government bonds firm; railroad bonds easy. Time loans steady, 60 and 90 days 3½ to 3¾; six months 3¾ to 4. Call money steady, ruling rate 3¼.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, March 22.—Cotton goods markets today were active and strong in gray goods, sheetings and converters specialties. Prices showed a rising tendency. Bleached goods advanced half cent a yard. Raw silk was steady. Wool goods were firm and tending higher.

STOCKS UNDER DEPRESSION

Steel Issues Score Losses as do Motors and Utilities—Advances Made by Rails.

New York, March 22.—Irregular tendencies of today's stock market were traceable to additional selling for profits, an increase of operations for the short account and a diminution of public interest.

United States Steel showed an enormous turnover, fluctuating between 115 1-4 and 116 3-4, and closing at 115 3-4, a net loss of 3-8 of a point. Bethlehem Steels yielded much of their recent gains, the old shares falling 7 1-4 to 141 3-4 and the new six to 134 1-2, with 1 to almost 3 points in allied industrials. Motors declined from 1 to 3 points, with 1 to 2 for some utilities. Ohio Gas proved an exception, scoring an extreme gain of 9 7-8 points at 122 7-8 on relatively large trading.

Rails were roused from their apathy in the latter part of the session, Canadian Pacific heading the advance at a gross gain of 5 1-4 to 163 1-2 with 2 for its subsidiary, "Soo," and 1 to 1 1-2 for Reading, Norfolk & Western and a few of the Southern and Southwestern issues. Distillers' surplus yielded 2 -4 points on the reduction of the dividend from a six to two per cent annual basis.

The bond market was featureless with domestic issues inclined to shade total sales, par value, $2,850,000.

United States coupon 4's advanced 1-2 per cent on call.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	28⅞
American Beet Sugar	91⅞
American Can	47¾
American Car & Foundry	67¾
American Cotton Oil	44½
American Locomotive	73⅛
American Smelting	105½
American Sugar	111¼
American Tel. & Tel.	127⅜
American Tobacco	214
American Zinc	36½
Anaconda Copper	84¼
Atchison	103⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	114⅜
Baldwin Locomotive	56⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	78
Bethlehem Steel	141¾
Canadian Pacific	163½
Central Leather	93¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	59¾
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	83¼
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	37½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	52⅜
Consolidated Gas	119½
Corn Products	25⅜
Crucible Steel	70¾
Cuba Cane Sugar	42½
Erie	28⅝
General Electric	167¾
Great Northern pfd	114½
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	35½
Goodrich	55⅝
Illinois Central	103
Inspiration Copper	61½
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	92
International Nickel	45½
International Paper	43
Kansas City Southern	23
Kennecott Copper	47
Lehigh Valley	69⅜
Louisville & Nashville	126
Liggett & Myers	262
Maxwell Motors	52⅝
Mexican Petroleum	91¾
National Lead	60
New York Central	97
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	44½
Norfolk & Western	130¼
Northern Pacific	104⅞
Pennsylvania	54¼
Ray Consolidated Copper	28⅝
Reading	97
Republic Iron & Steel	82⅞
Seaboard Air Line	14
Seaboard Air Line pfd	33
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	71⅜
Studebaker Corporation	103
Southern Pacific	95½
Southern Railway	28¾
Southern Railway pfd	58¾
Tennessee Copper	16⅛
Texas Company	229¼
Union Pacific	139½
United Fruit	145
United States Rubber	59½
United States Steel	115⅝
United States Steel pfd	113
Utah Copper	112
Virginia Caro. Chem.	41¼
Wabash pfd "B"	25½
Western Union	97¼
Westinghouse Electric	52⅝
Missouri Pacific w.i.	30⅝

NEW YORK LIVESTOCK

New York, March 22.—Beeves, no trading. Calves steady; veals 13.00 to 15.60; culls 9.00 to 12.00.

Sheep and lambs steady; common to to fair sheep, ewes 8.50 to 10.00; lambs 15.00 to 16.00.

Hogs steady; hogs 14.25 to 15.50; pigs 13.50 to 14.25; rough 13.25 to 13.50.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, March 22.—Raw sugar firm; centrifugal 5.39; molasses 4.52; refined steady.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Irregular.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio 7s, 9⅝c; Santos 4s, 10c.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., March 22.—Turpentine firm, 42c; sales 513; receipts none; shipments none; stock 9,710.

Rosin—Firm; sales 147; receipts and shipments none; stock 71,405. Quote: A B C D E, 5.25 to 5.35; F G, 5.40; H I, 5.45; K M, 5.65; N, 5.75; WG and WW, 5.80.

Firemen in New Home.

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 22.—The volunteer fire department of this city has a record that cannot be surpassed in the South, and now they are in excellent quarters, with all the comforts to make them feel that the city appreciates them fully. Their handsome home is a credit to the city in every way, and one that will meet the demands for many years to come. The fire department has all the latest machinery for making the records here equal to those of any city in the United States.

German Aviator Killed.

London, March 22.—Another of Germany's best military aviators, Fritz Manschott, has been killed in an air fight on the western front, according to a Berlin dispatch transmitted by the exchange telegraph correspondent at The Hague.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

March 23, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 50 degrees; at 8 P. M., 51 degrees; maximum, 59 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 2.05 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 11.5 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Cloudy Friday with rain in west portion and by night in east portion; Saturday probably fair, somewhat colder central and west portions.

The Port Calendar, March 23, 1917.

Sun rises ..... 6:11 A. M.
Sun sets ..... 6:26 P. M.
Day's length ..... 12 hrs. 15 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water.		Low water.	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	9:53	10:17	4:59	5:13
Southport	7:49	8:17	1:46	2:05
Masonboro Inlet	7:38	8:06	1:26	1:45

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

March 22, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest last night.	Precipitation at 8 P. M.
Abilene	pt cldy	80	52	.0
Asheville	cldy	60	36	.0
Atlanta	cldy	62	50	.02
Augusta	cldy	68	52	.0
Baltimore	clear	56	..	.0
Birmingham	cldy	62	40	.20
Boston	clear	40	30	.0
Charleston	clear	60	56	.0
Charlotte	cldy	64	46	.0
Chicago	cldy	64	42	.0
Galveston	pt cldy	74	68	.0
Jaxville	pt cldy	68	56	.12
Memphis	clear	68	54	.14
Mobile	clear	74	60	.0
Montgomery	rain	68	56	.06
N. Orleans	pt cldy	82	68	.0
New York	clear	50	32	.04
Oklahoma	pt cldy	82	50	.40
Palestine	cldy	82	68	.0
Pittsburg	clear	60	32	.0
Raleigh	clear	62	42	.0
Savannah	pt cldy	62	56	.0
Shreveport	cldy	80	66	.0

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted in joint meeting on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order a primary election for the purpose of nominating candidates for mayor and candidates from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards of said City as members of the Council of said City to be held on the 17th day of April, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted at a joint meeting held on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order the regular municipal election in said City for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilman each from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards in said City. Said election to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington has ordered for both the primary election and the regular municipal election hereinbefore mentioned an entirely new registration of the voters of said City and that voters who have registered for said primary election need not further register for the regular municipal election.

The following named polling places have been designated and the registrars and judges of elections appointed for the holding and conducting of both said primary election and the regular municipal election.

First Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Engine House, Fourth and Campbell—Registrar, J. T. Darden; Judges, James Lewis, J. B. Elkins.

Second Ward Precinct—Polling place, Police Headquarters, City Hall—Registrar, W. W. Hodges; Judges, D. H. Howes, John K. Turrentine, Jr.

Third Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Gideon Louge, upstairs—Registrar, L. H. Partin; Judges, W. G. Farmer, J. A. Austin.

Fourth Ward Precinct—Polling place, Mills' Stables, Dock street—Registarr, L. W. Warrock; Judges, J. B. King, John D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr.

Fifth Ward Precinct, First Division—Polling Place, New Engine House—Registrar, R. C. Cantwell; Judges, W. W. Sellers, L. T. Landen.

Fifth Ward Precinct, Second Division—Polling place, Old Engine House—Registrar, John Walton; Judges, J. B. Fales, W. M. Creasy.

Sixth Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Mann's Store—Registrar, J. F. Mann; Judges, W. A. Woods, J. H. Womble.

The said primary election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 17th day of April, 1917.

The said regular municipal election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 1st day of May, 1917.

Each registrar will, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A. M. and 5:00 o'clock P. M., on each day (Sunday excepted) for seven days preceding the day for the closing of the registration books keep open said books for the registration of the voters in their respective precincts, and said registration books will be open from 9 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M. on each Saturday during said registration period and shall be closed for registration on the second Saturday before the 17th day of April, 1917. No registration will be allowed on said election day except to such person as shall give satisfactory evidence to the registrar and judges of election that he has become of the age of twenty-one years, or otherwise has been qualified to register and vote since the registration books closed for registration.

On the second Saturday before the election the registration books will be kept open at the polling places in the voting precincts for the inspection of electors and to enable challenges to be made to right of any person to vote in said election whose name appears on said books, and if any person is objected to notice shall be given him and a hearing granted as provided by law.

The Council has appointed Registrars and Judges of Election as hereinbefore stated, and caused them to be notified of their appointment, and will cause to be furnished all necessary books and arrange for the ballots and will fill all vacancies occurring either as to registrars or judges as provided by law, and will receive returns from said elections as provided by law.

By order of the Council of the City of Wilmington.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective Feb. 5th, 1917. Arrivals, Schedules and Connections given as information, but not guaranteed

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 5:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.
No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points.	No.58 9:35 A. M. Daily except Sunday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.
T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	x7:05 A.M.	17:15 A.M.	17:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:30 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	x9:05 A.M.	19:15 A.M.	19:26 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	.....	110:20 A.M.	110:31 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
01:55 P.M.	01:55 P.M.	.....	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:55 P.M.	12:06 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	x*1:45 P.M.	*1:50 P.M.	*2:01 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
04:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	03:00 P.M.	03:11 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	03:50 P.M.
04:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4:06 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	04:30 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	05:10 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:10 P.M.	6:21 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	x7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 o 5:45 P. M.

*—Daily except Sunday.
†—Sundays only.
x—Does not run beyond Station No. 3.
z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 3:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

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Wilmington to Georgetown.
S. S. Cherokee....Saturday, March 24th
S. S. Cherokee....Wednesday, April 4th
Wilmington to New York
S. S. Cherokee.....Tuesday, March 27th
S. S. Cherokee.....Sunday, April 8th
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FAYETTEVILLE CLAIMS A YOUTHFUL INVENTOR

Caught Inspiration From Watching A. C. L. Engineers

Eight-Year-Old Joseph Pemberton, Grandson of an Inventor, to Get Patent on Flashlight-Oil Can Devise.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., March 22.—Joseph Pemberton, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Pemberton, of this city, has invented a combination of an oil can and electric flashlight that will be a wonderful simplification of the work of oiling locomotives and all other machinery, according to evperienced engineers. A patent has been applied for and the patent office has signified that it will be granted.

The youngster worked out his invention while he was confined to his room with the measles. He got his inspiration from seeing an Atlantic Coast Line engineer climbing in and out of his engine with an oil can in one hand and a torch in the other. "Why couldn't he use a flashlight?" thought the 8-year-old inventor. He worked over the idea from that time until he finally showed his father a working model of an oil can equipped with an electric flashlight which always plays on the point of the spout, and can be manipulated with one hand.

The young inventor is a grandson of the late Capt. Joseph B. Underwood, of this city, the inventor of the cigarette making machine, which has had a tremendous effect on the tobacco industry in this country., and who also made the first slot machine that the world ever saw. The slot machine patent was sold to General J. S. Carr. Captain Underwood also invented a cotton planter and a number of other labor saving devices. His grandson spends much of his time in experimenting with possible inventions.

MR. HINNANT TO CONDUCT "BOYS' DAY" FOR KINSTON

Interesting Programme for next Monday and Tuesday—Features.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Kinston, N. C., March 22.—The programme for Kinston's "boy days," next Monday and Tuesday, contains nine important numbers. Odis B. Hinnant, the Y. M. C. A. worker who is coming here from Wilmington to conduct the programme, will address women of the city, mill workers, Sunday school and day school officers and teachers, business men, public officials, the lawyers and preachers, the boys themselves, and at every turn, parents. Monday morning at 10:30 Mr. Hinnant will speak to a mass meeting of women in Queen Street Methodist church. At noon he will address a gathering of mill operatives in West Kinston. During the afternoon he will speak to the teachers, and at night to a mass meeting of parents in the First Baptist church. Tuesday morning he will confer with pastors, and at noon will address mill workers in the eastern part of the city. At 3 p. m. he will conduct an evangelistic meeting for boys in the high school. At 7:30 p. m. Tuesday he will talk at a "father and son" banquet in Gordon Street Christian church.

ADVISES "OUTWARD FORMS OF FRIENDLINESS" TOWARDS U. S.

Intercepted German Document Gives Instructions to Newspapers.

London, March 22.—An intercepted document issued from the German general command, dated "Muenster, February," advising newspaper writers how to deal with the new submarine war which has been obtained from a responsible source, contains interesting paragraphs. One reads:

"Towards America it will be advisable to employ outward forms of friendliness. Unfriendliness would increase the danger of America coming in—the rupture of diplomatic relations, even active participation, hangs in the balance. The attitude of the press must not increase this danger."

Other paragraphs assert that England's claims to having perfected a means of defense "are refuted by the good results of recent months, which are increasingly important because the enemy's mercantile marine is already weakened and material is exhausted.

"Psychological influence should not be under-estimated. Fear among the enemy and neutrals leads to difficulties with the crews and may induce neutrals to keep their ships in harbors."

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Don't bother to prepare the mixture; you can get this famous old recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients for 50 cents a large bottle, all ready for use. It is called Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound. This can always be depended upon to bring back the natural color and lustre of your hair.

Everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair has disappeared, and after another application it becomes beautifully dark and appears glossy and lustrous. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire dark hair and a youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

BAPTIST WOMEN GUESTS OF THE STATE NORMAL

Mission Pageant Presented by 75 Young Lady Students

Woman's Missionary Union, in Annual Session, Has Busy Day of Conferences, Addresses and Reports at Greensboro.

(Special Star Correspondent.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 22.—The State Normal & Industrial College had as its guests this afternoon the members of the North Carolina Baptist Women's Missionary Union in session here this week. Lunch was served at 1 o'clock. The visitors were shown over the college grounds and buildings and at 4 o'clock a mission pageant was presented in the college auditorium by 75 of the students, who had been trained by Mrs. B. C. Sharpe.

The afternoon session of the convention was also held in the college auditorium. Mrs. C. E. Mason was the leader. The women enjoyed the splendid treat prepared for them by Mrs. Sharpe, and it was one of the many pleasant things connected with the convention.

Regular morning conferences were held at 9 o'clock. The W. M. S. Conference was in the Sunday school room, the Y. W. A. Conference in the Ladies' Parlor, and the Junior Organization Conference was in the Baraca Room. Personal service was discussed in the W. M. S. Conference. The regular Convention session began at ten o'clock. The principal addresses were by Mrs. W. C. James, president of the Union, whose subject was "Loyalty;" Mrs. R. S. C. Berry, of Morristown, Tenn., on "The Value of Organized Personal Service;" and Miss Laura Cox, of Guaymas, stirred the meeting with her talk entitled, "A Message from Mexico."

The subjects discussed at the business session at the Normal College this afternoon were, "Our Women's Missionary Training School," by Mrs. H. C. Moore, trustee for North Carolina; "What Made the Difference" by Mrs. S. J. Beeker, Dunn; "Brazilian People," Miss Rena Joyce, Brazil. The Association Y. W. A. superintendents were presented, and the response was by Miss Carrie McLean, of Charlotte. The Chowan and Meredith girls responded when the Ann Haseltine College girls were presented.

Rev. W. Raleigh White presided over the evening conference, and the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. L. Bain of the West Market Street Methodist Church, of this city. Rev. L. C. Warren, D. D., of Atlanta, delivered an inspiring message on "Our Homeless Churches." Rev. Walter N. Johnson, of Raleigh, spoke interestingly on "The Larger Mission."

The closing session of the Convention will be held tomorrow morning. Summer conferences will be discussed, committee reports received, new officers elected, and memorial services held.

EXTRA EXAMINATIONS OF NAVAL ACADEMY CANDIDATES

Annapolis, Md., March 22.—A special examination of candidates for admission to the Naval Academy as midship men has been ordered by the Navy Department June 27, according to information given out by officials of the academy today. The extra examination is due to the fact that two classes of midshipmen are to be graduated within the next six months.

INCREASES IN RATES ASKED BY RAILROADS

(Continued from Page One.)

roads may meet the increased cost of operations and yield a fair profit to holders of their surplus.

Mr. Rea was spokesman for seven chiefs of the roads involved in the application to increase coal rates, including the New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio and Western Maryland. Proposed increases to New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore are five cents; to Hampton Roads and Newport News, 10 cents, and to Lake ports, 15 cents.

In support of his contention that the higher prices of supplies justified higher rates, Mr. Rea declared that the higher price of coal alone increased the fuel bill of the seven roads $37,000,000, that equipment had risen 50 per cent, steel bridge material 148 per cent; steel plates 244 per cent, and other supplies in proportion.

"With the demand for larger terminals, increased facilities for carrying freight and more equipment widespread and pressing," Mr. Rea said, "it is essential that the railroads be granted the higher rates necessary to place them in a position to meet rising costs and give them the earning basis to attract new capital. The lack of sufficient surplus for many years past has prevented the railroads from providing such additions and betterments in advance of traffic demand.

Coal and coke interests from the Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky fields opposed the proposed increases. A proposal to increase rates on coke from ovens in this field to Virginia blast furnaces by approximately 50 cents a ton also were vigorously opposed. The roads contended that such increases would place coal and coke on a parity; producers urged that present rates were profitable and increases were not justified. The hearing will continue tomorrow.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS YET OF CHINA'S BREAK WITH GERMANY

Berlin, March 22 (via London).—The German government, as well as the Chinese legation here, has tried in vain to learn the truth of reports received in Berlin that China has broken off relations with Germany. Thus far no news has arrived except press dispatches, notwithstanding repeated request for information. The Chinese legation expresses the belief that official dispatches sent by way of Russia may have been held up in that country as a result of the recent revolution.

CHARLESTON TO OWN CITY'S WATER AND LIGHTING PLANTS

Charleston, S. C., March 22.—The people of Charleston voted to purchase the property of the Charleston light and water company for $1,360,000 and also authorized an additional bond issue of $140,000 for improvements in the water works system. The light and water plants will be operated by a board of three commissioners.

UNITED STATES FIRST TO OFFER RECOGNITION

Ambassador Francis Calls on the New Russian Cabinet

Informs Them of Action Taken by His Government—Foreign Minister Milukoff Returns Thanks in Behalf of Russia.

Petrograd, March 22 (via London).—The United States is still the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Russia. Ambassador Francis made a preliminary call this morning on Foreign Minister Milukoff immediately upon the receipt of instructions from the State Department at Washington. This afternoon, accompanied by his staff, including the naval and military attaches, he went to the Marinsky Palace, where the council of ministers was assembled, made the formal recognition and presented congratulations and felicitations on behalf of the United States. The naval and military attaches appeared in full uniform while Ambassador Fracnis and the secretaries wore afternoon dress.

The ambassadorial party was received in the council chamber. All the ministers were present and stood in a row behind the semi-circular table. Ambassador Francis stepped from the group of secretaries and addressed the ministers, saying:

"I have the honor as the ambassador and representative of the government of the United States accerited to Russia to state, in accordance with instructions, that the governmen of the United States has recognized the new government of Russia, and I, as ambassador of the United States, will be pleased to continue intercourse with Russia through the medium of the new government.

"May the cordial relations existing between the two countries continue to obtain; may they prove mutually satisfactory and beneficial."

The Russian foreign minister, Dr. Paul Milukoff, replied for the ministers. He said:

"Permit me, in the name of the provisional government, to answer the act of recognition by the United States. You have been able to follow for yourself the events which have established a new order of affairs for free Russia. I have been more than once in your country and may bear witness that the ideals which are represented by the provisional government are the same as underlie the existence of your own country. I hope that this great change which has come to Russia will do much to bring us closer together than we have ever been before.

"I must tell your excellency that during the last few days I have received many congratulations from prominent men in your country, assuring me that the public opinion of the United States is in sympathy with us. Permit me to thank you. We are proud to be recognized first by a country whose ideals we cherish."

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Bonds and Securities	165,441.48	Bills Payable	140,000.00
Customers' Acceptances	82,750.00	Deposits, Banks...$870,470.82	
Cash and Due from Banks	444,634.21	Individuals, 1,454,730.89	2,325,201.71
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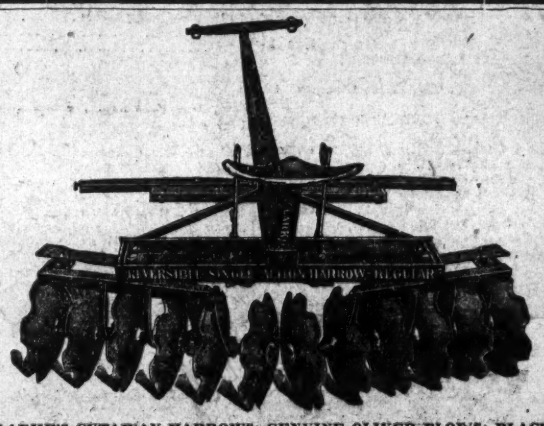

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